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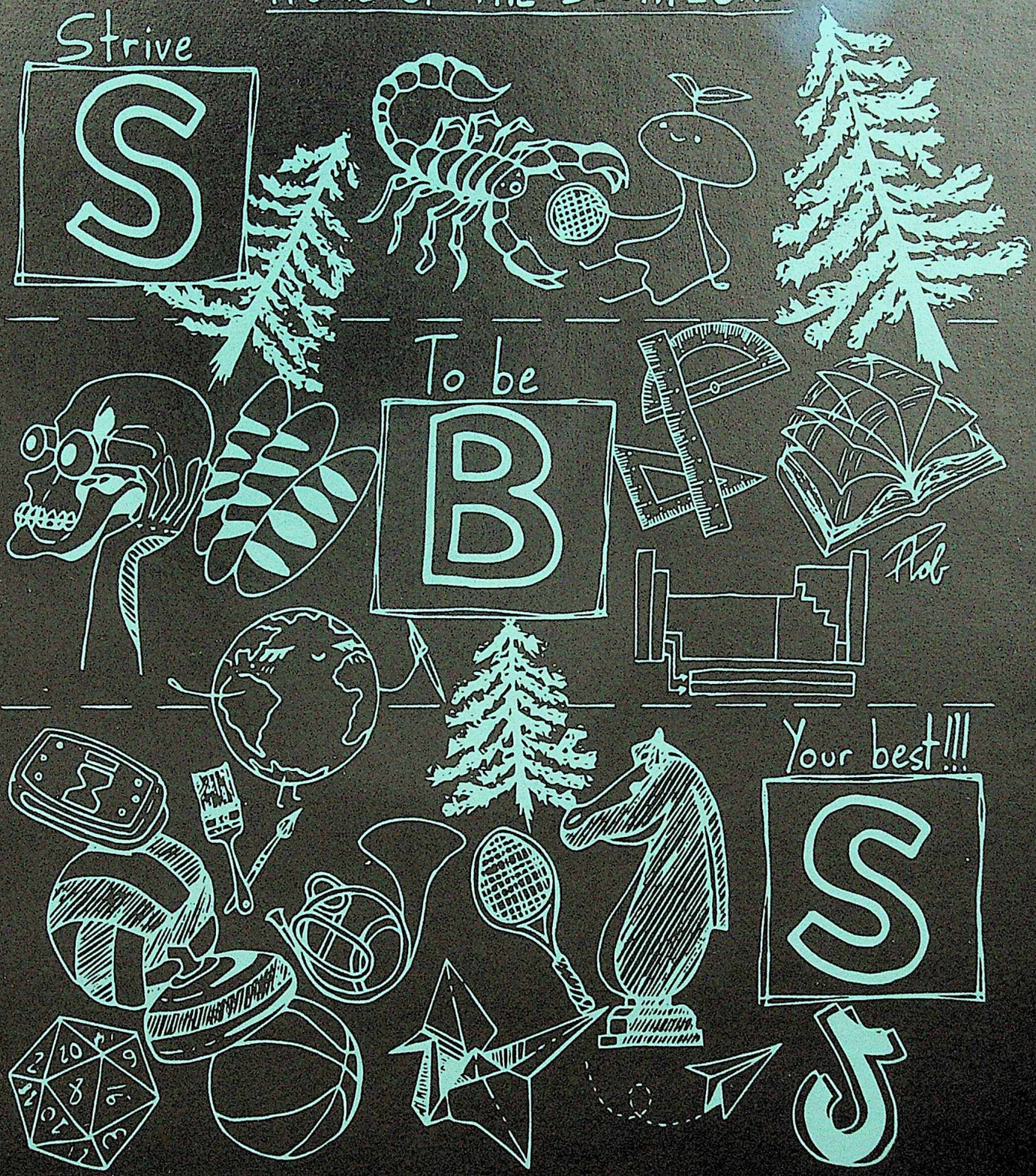

S. BRUCE SMITH SCHOOL 2020

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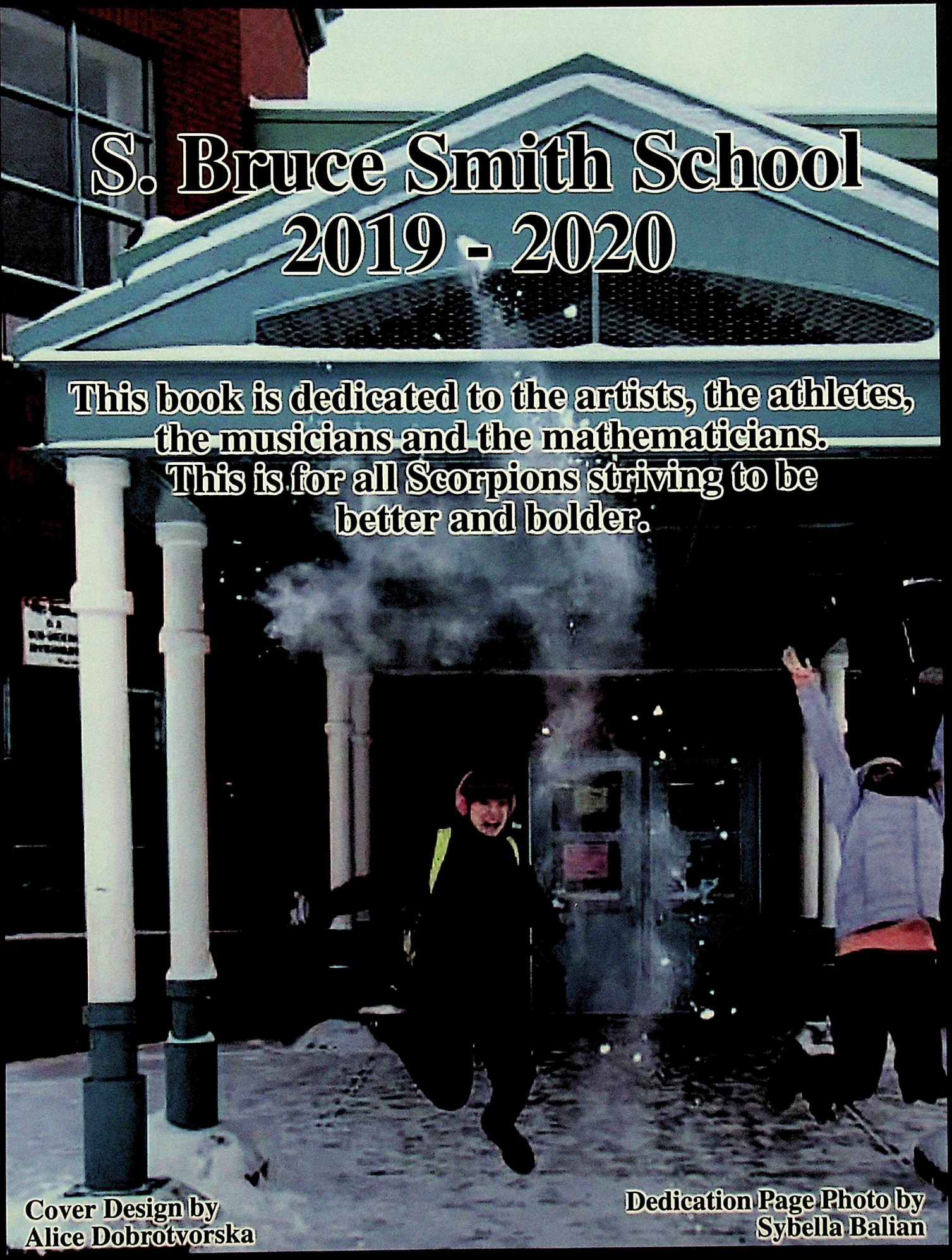
This book is dedicated to the artists, the athletes, the musicians and the mathematicians. This is for all Scorpions striving to be better and bolder.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

When I sit down to write my principal's yearbook message I typically take a look back at previous messages, just to get me back into that head space and also to be sure that I'm not being overly repetitive. What I invariably find, however, is that there are certain themes--kindness, empathy, community--that tend to repeat regardless of the group and then there are some things that speak directly to this particular group of SBS students. So, what is it that defines you? What will you see as you look through these pages, both in that excited first flipping of pages and, perhaps, years from now when these pages are yellowed with age?

Certainly, you will remember some specific moments--both big and small--where something resonated with you and made you look at things just a little bit differently. All those moments will have at their heart a connection of some sort or another; sometimes that might be to a space or place, but more often than not it will be to one of the other faces you see in this book. I know that as you move forward into the next grade--and for our grade nines into a whole new world of possibilities in high school--your relationship landscape will shift substantially. There will be people who play significant roles in your life right now, that you may not even see all that much in the next year, but I think part of the role of this yearbook is to help you reflect on how those relationships have helped make you who you are.

My hope is that you look back on each stage of your life not with fawning fondness--since no time in life, least of all junior high, is all love and roses--but with a clear-eyed appreciation that it is this collection of learning moments both within and beyond the class that help shape your evolution as a human being. It has been an honor to serve as your principal throughout this year and I am deeply appreciative of the work that Mr. Stinson and his yearbook team have done in providing us all with this living testament to our year together at S. Bruce Smith.

Mr. McKeown, principal

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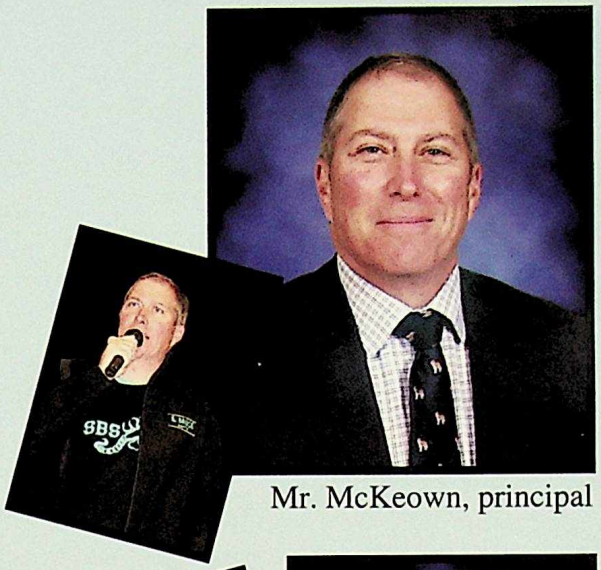

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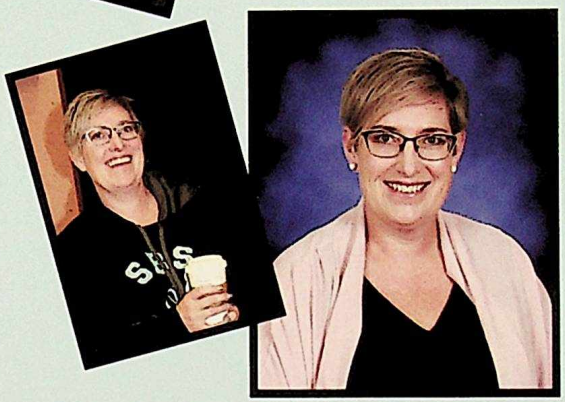

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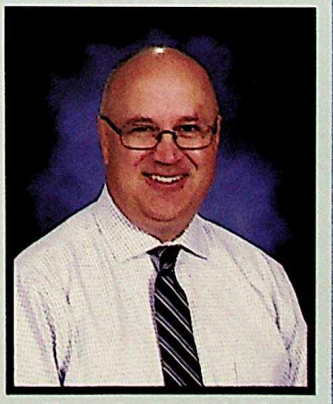

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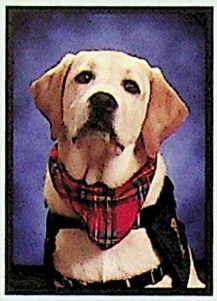
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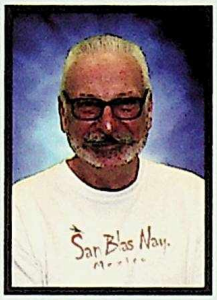
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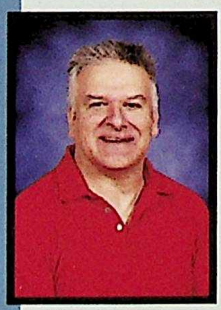
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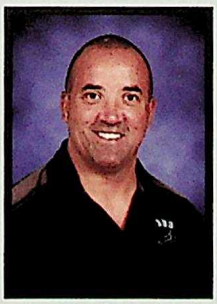
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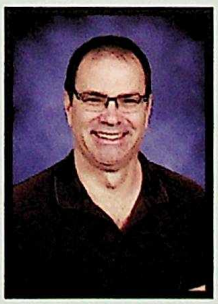
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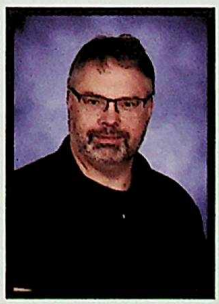
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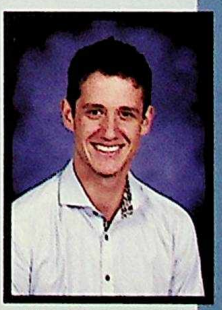
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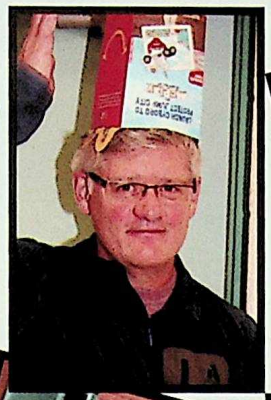
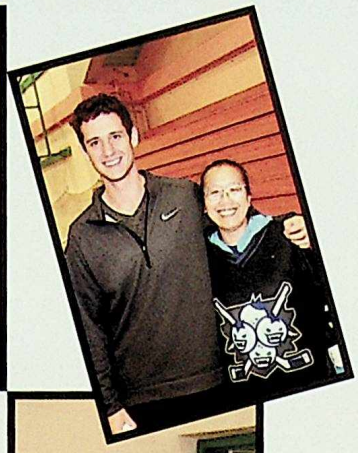
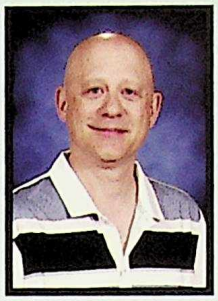
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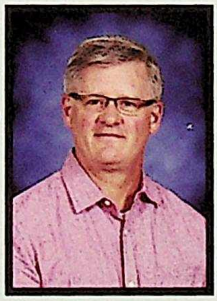
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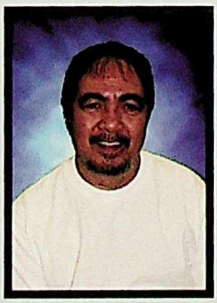
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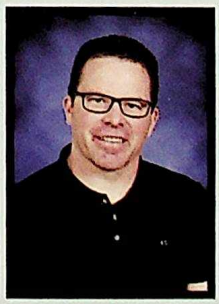
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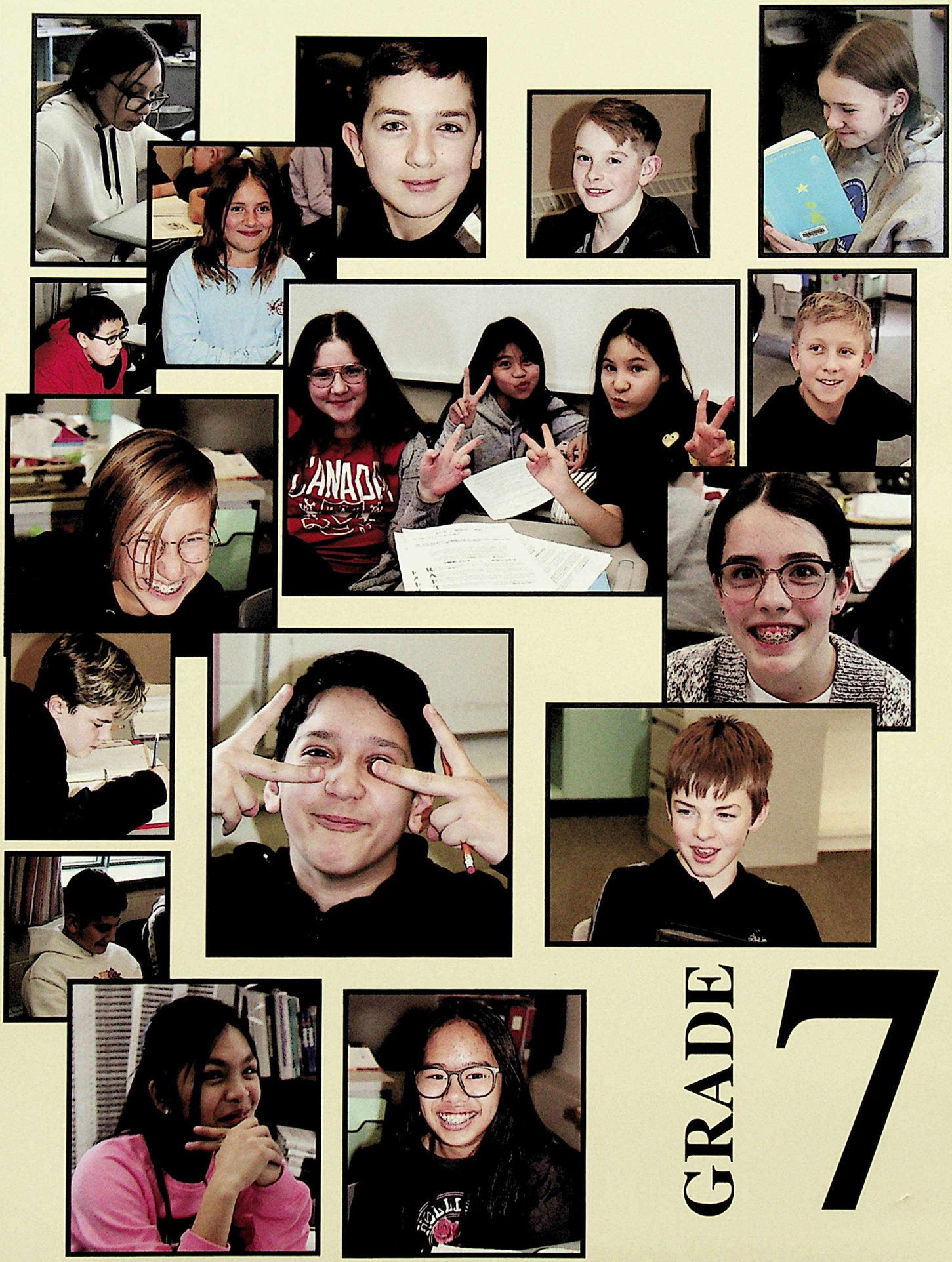

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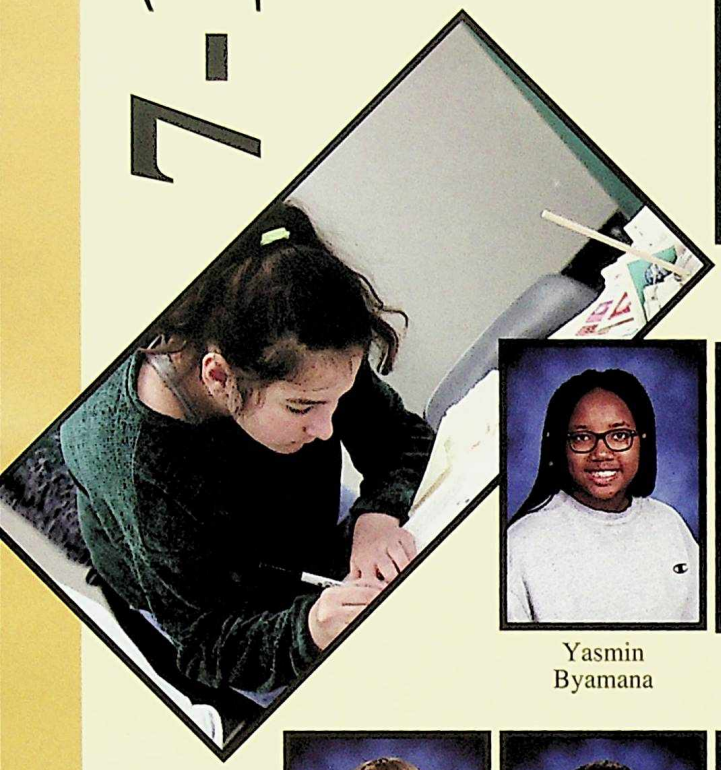

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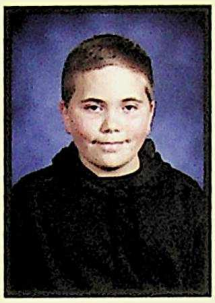

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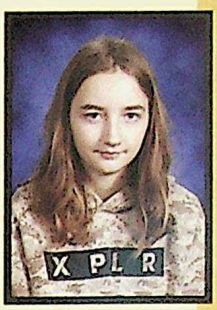

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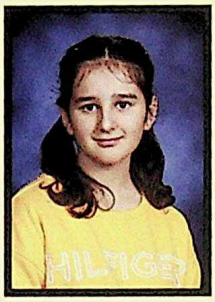

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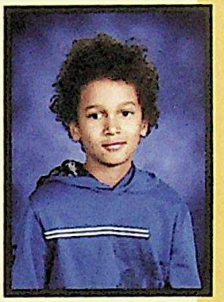

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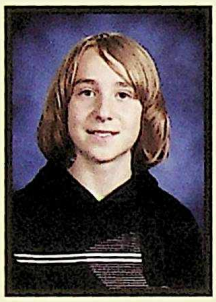

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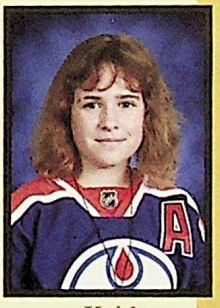

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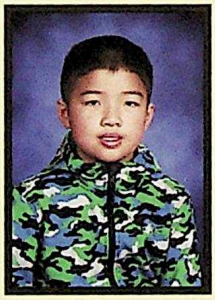

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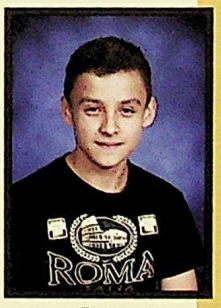

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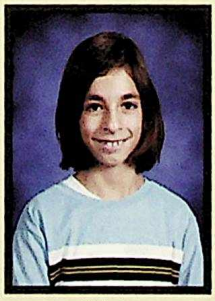

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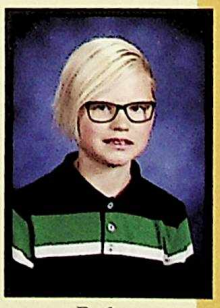

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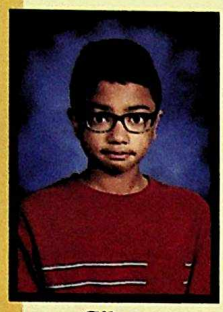
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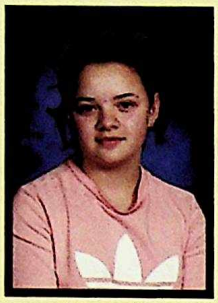
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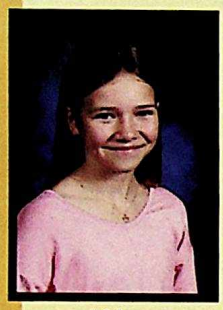
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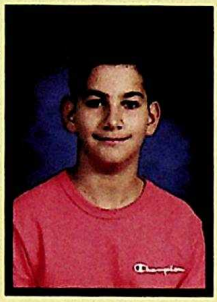
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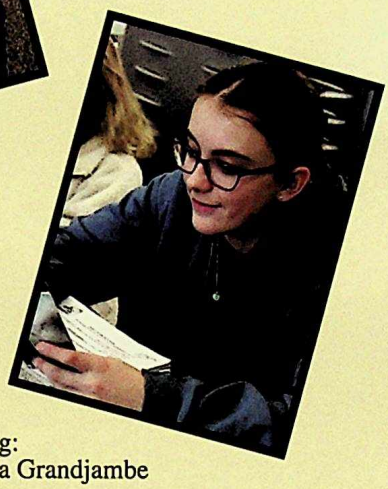
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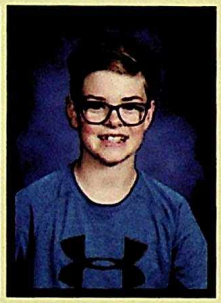
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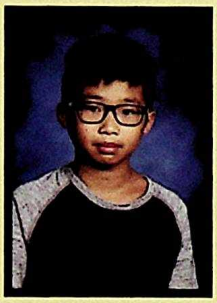
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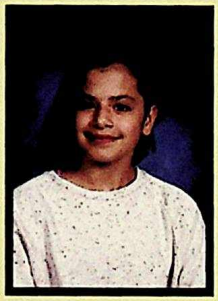
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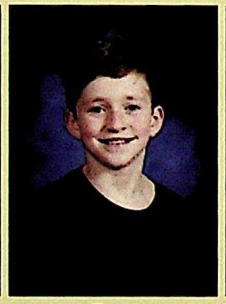
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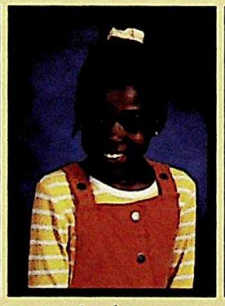
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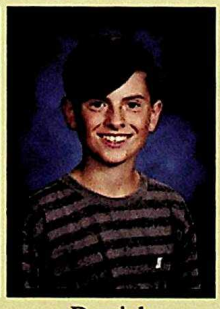
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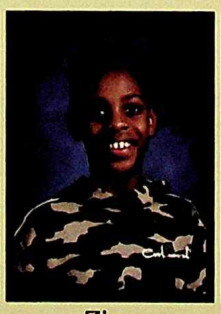
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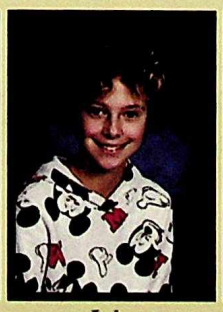
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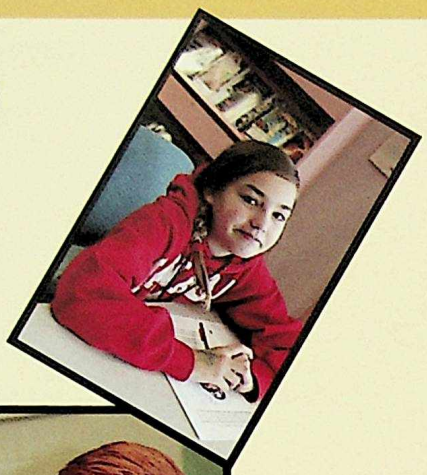

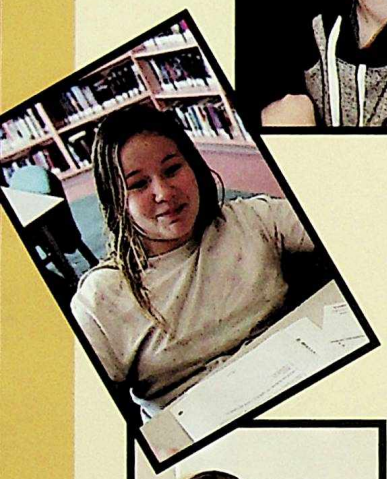

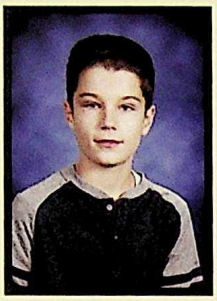

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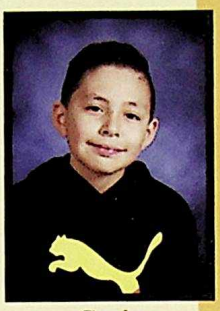

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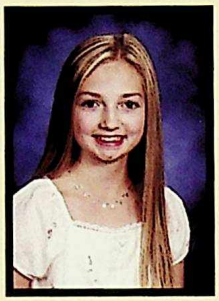

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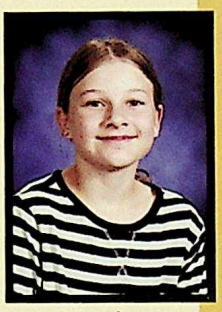

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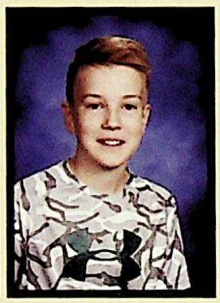

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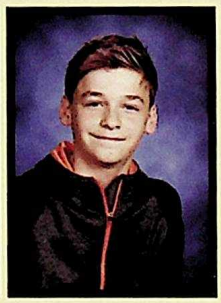

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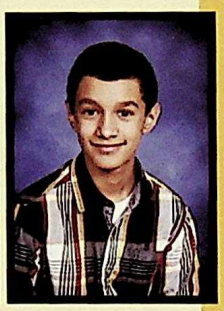

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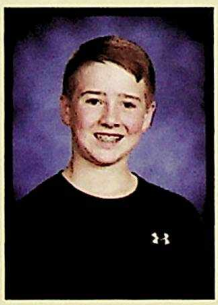

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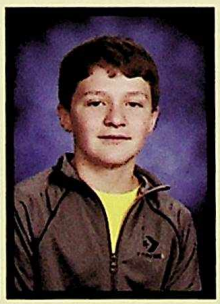

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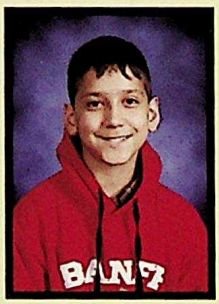

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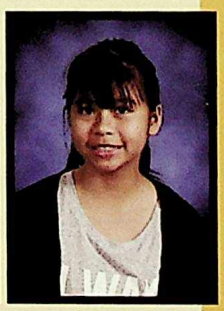

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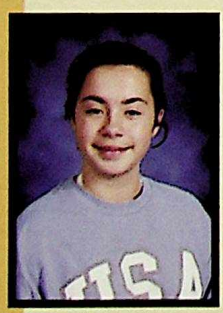

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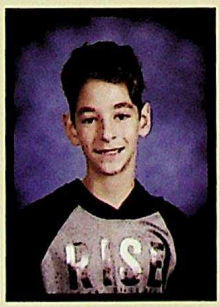

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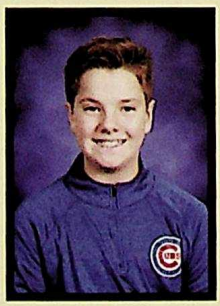

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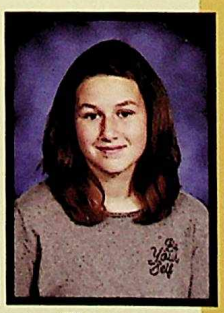

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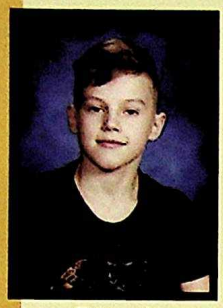
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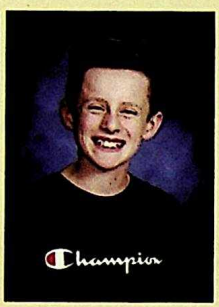

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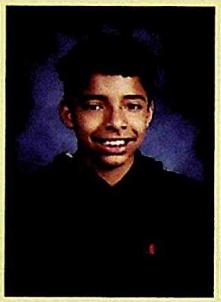
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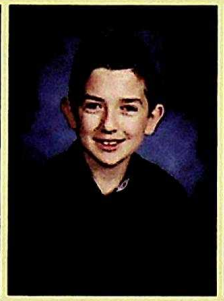
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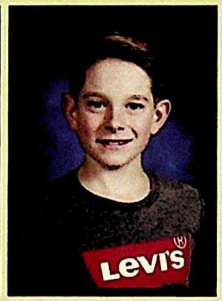

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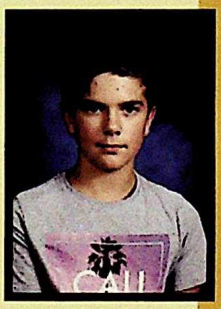
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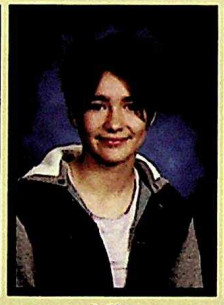
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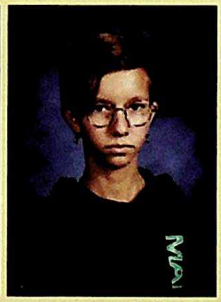
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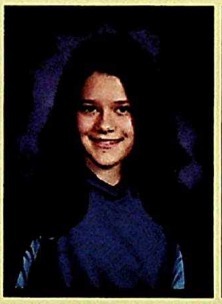
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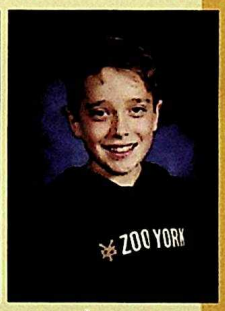

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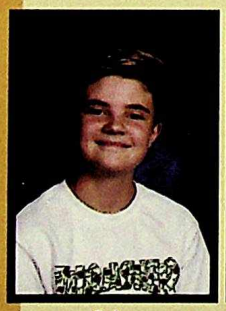
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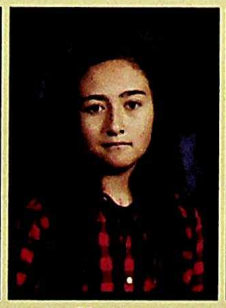
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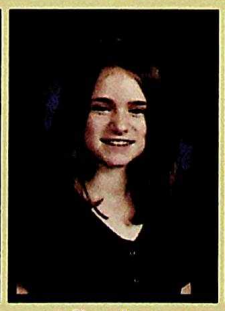
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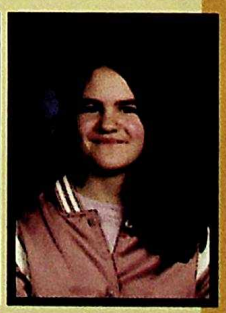
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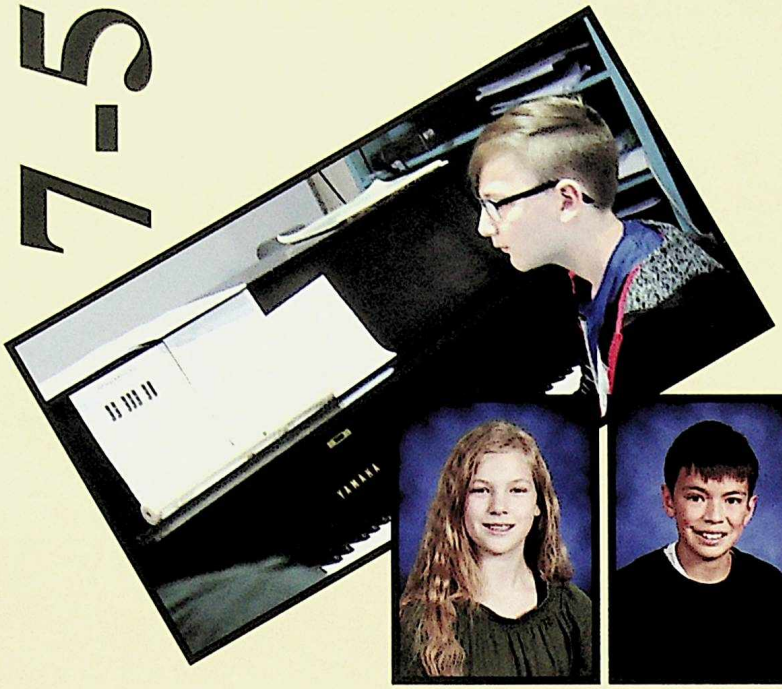

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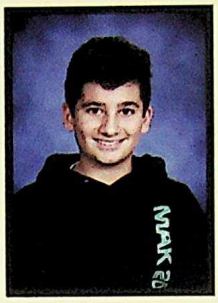

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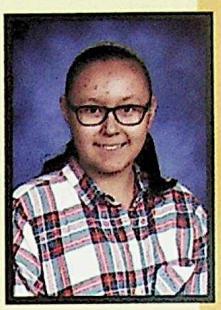

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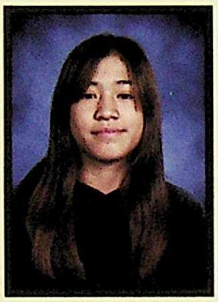

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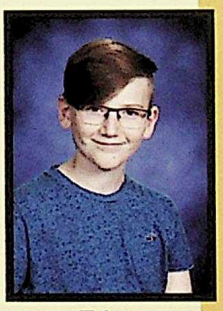

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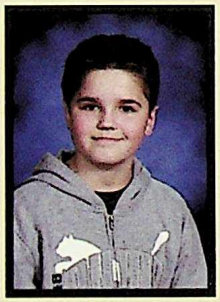

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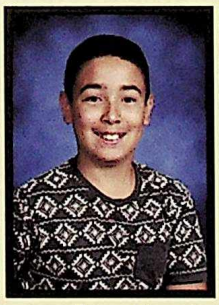

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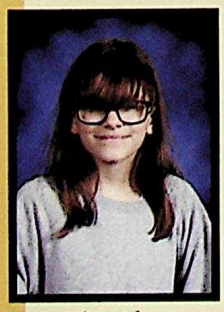

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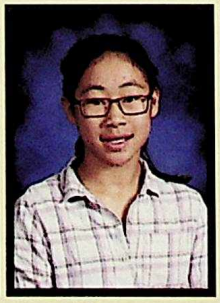

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The Earth's Haikus

Cherry petals drift
Toward the puddles below
Spring begins the year

Next the flowers bloom
The pasture luscious and soft
Clouds are white with fluff

Green turns to auburn
The leaves come spiraling down
The cool breeze picks up

Revert back to cold
As we near the destined end
Drape the ground in snow

-Ashley Buchanan

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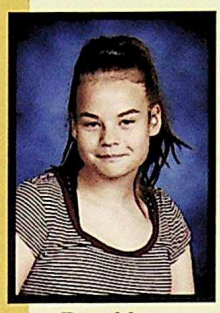

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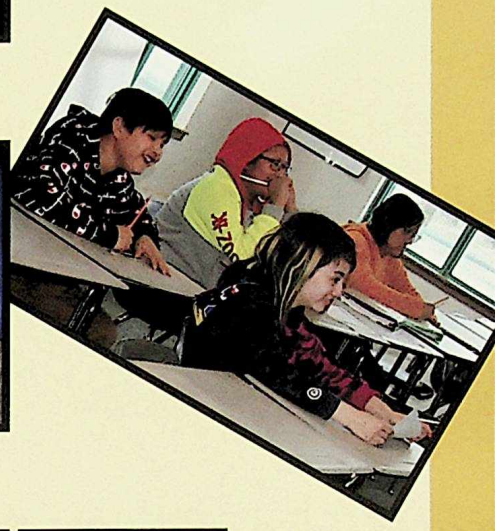

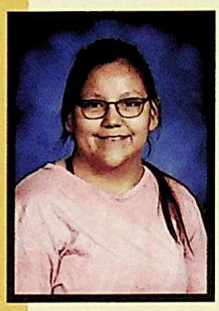

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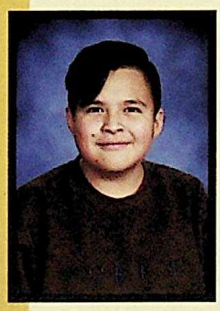

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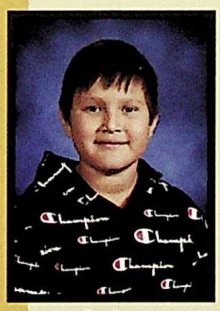

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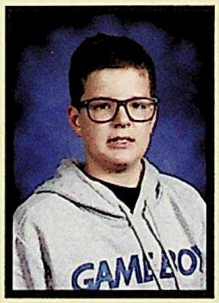

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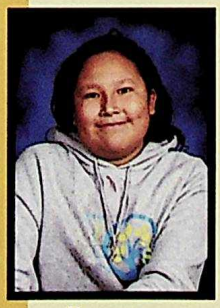

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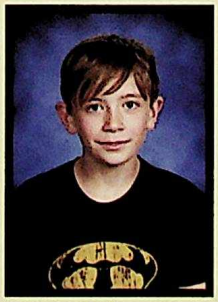

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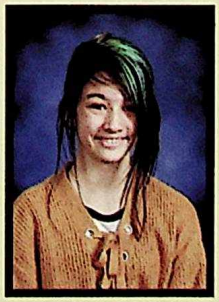

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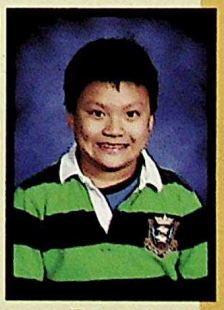

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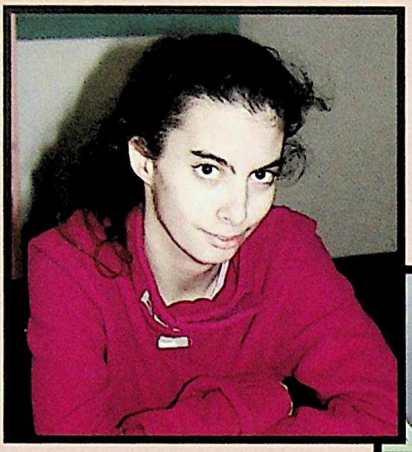
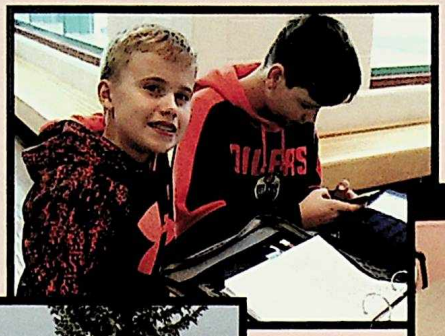

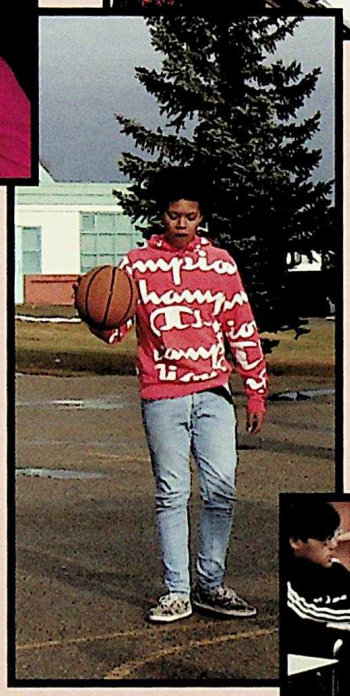
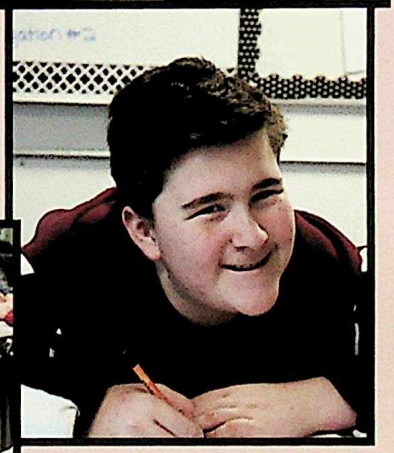

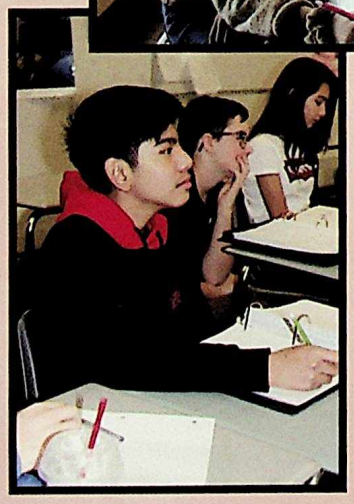

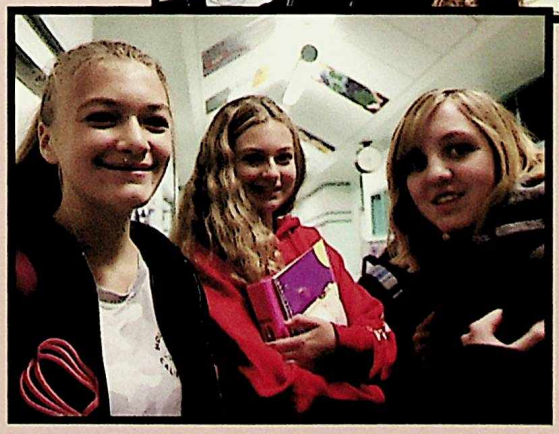

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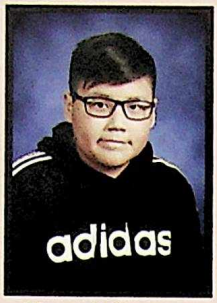

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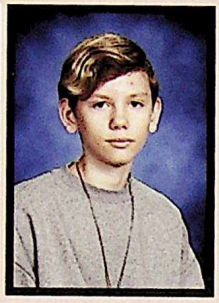
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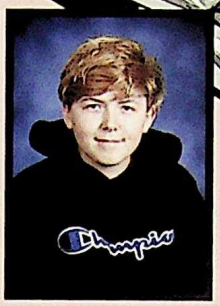

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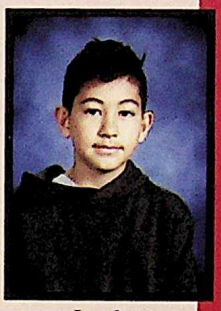
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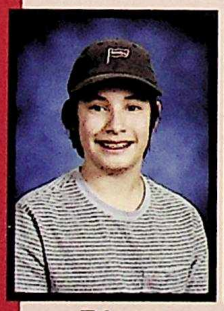
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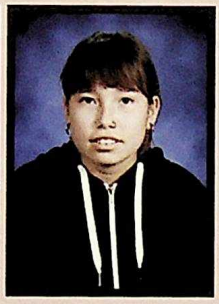
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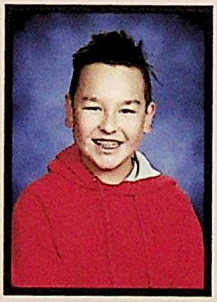
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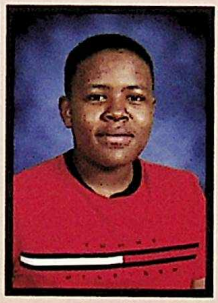
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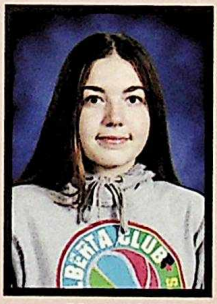
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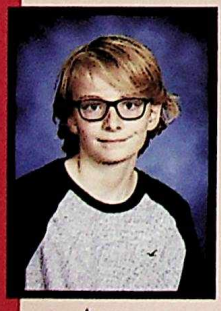
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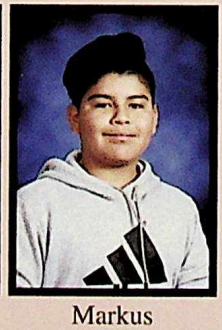
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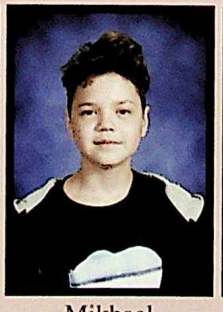
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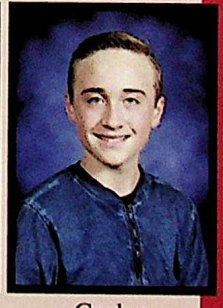
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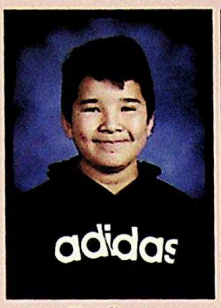

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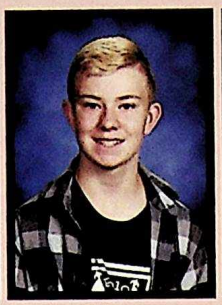
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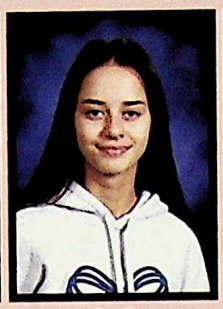
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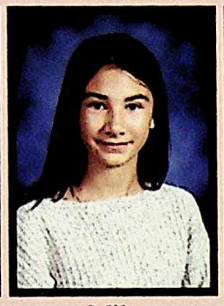
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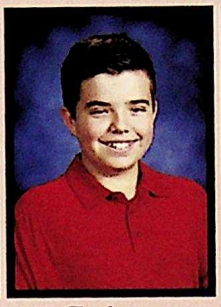
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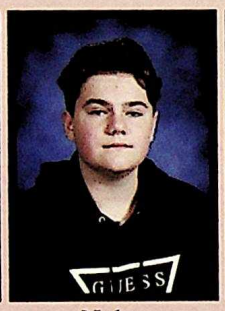

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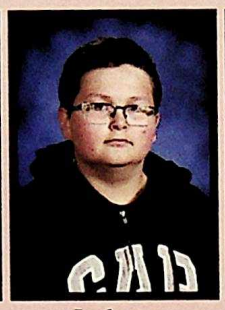
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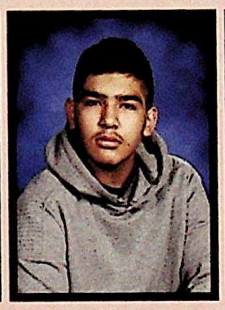
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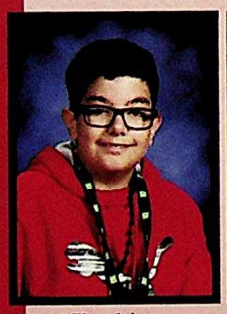
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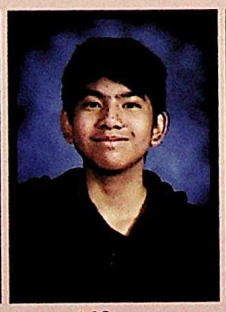
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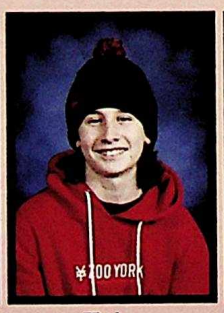
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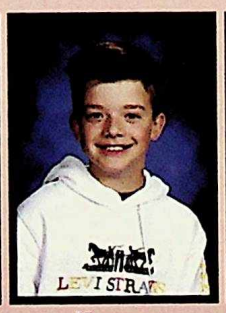
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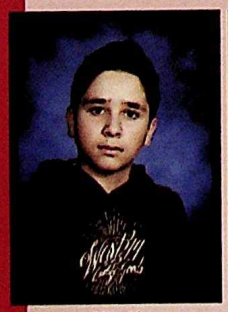
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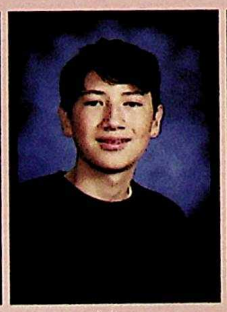
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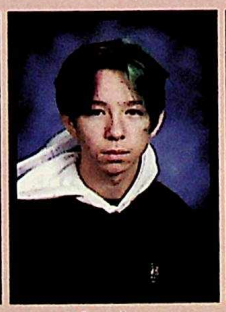
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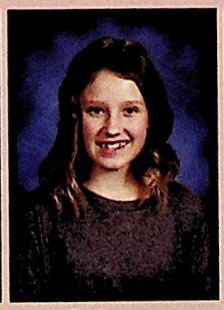
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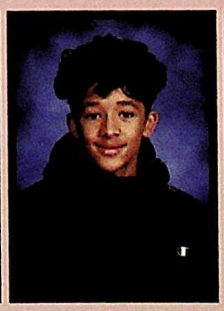
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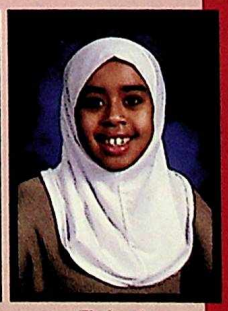
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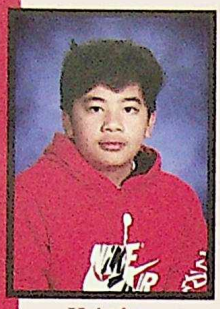
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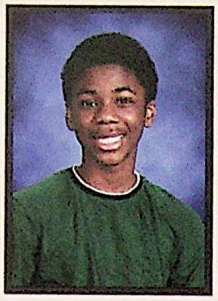
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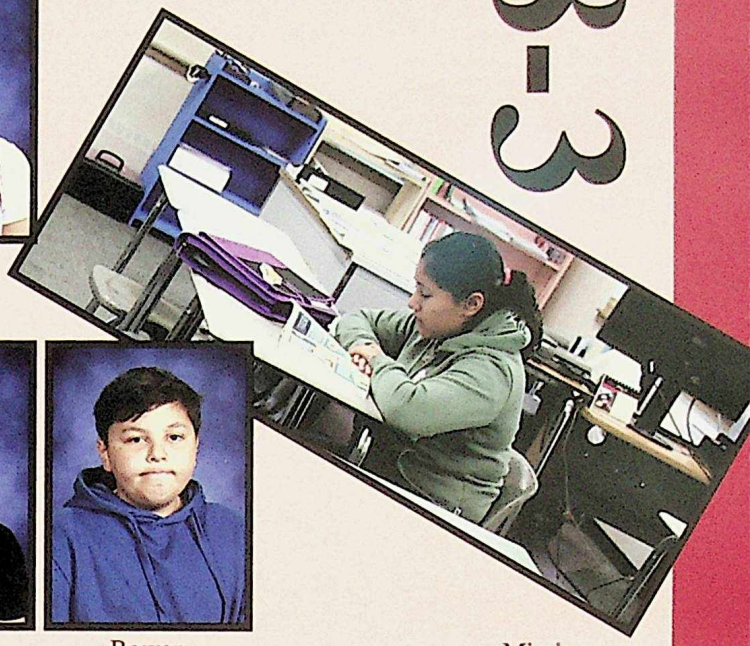
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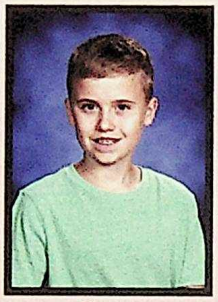
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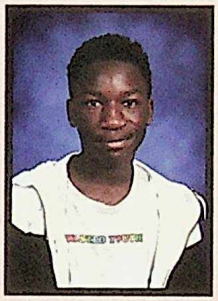
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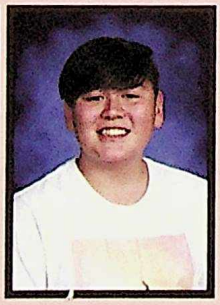
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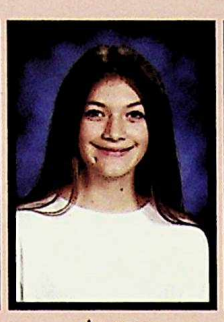
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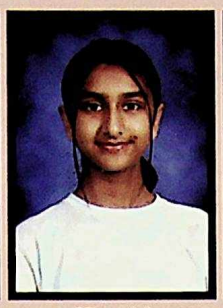
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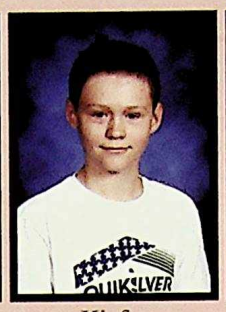

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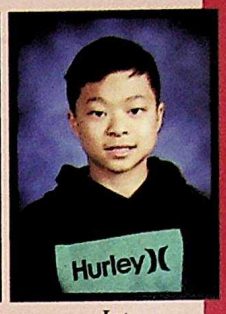

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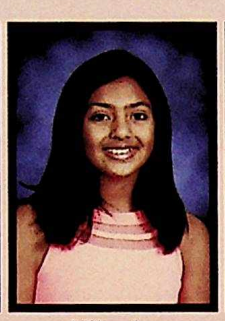
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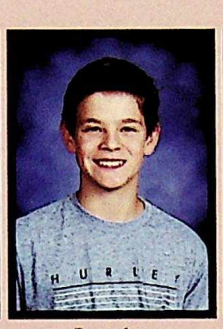

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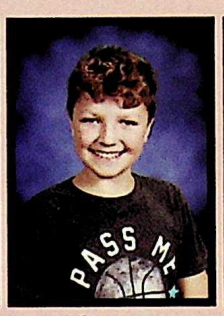

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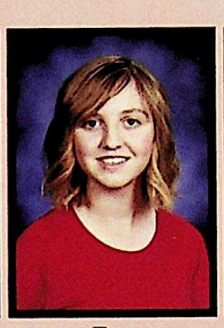
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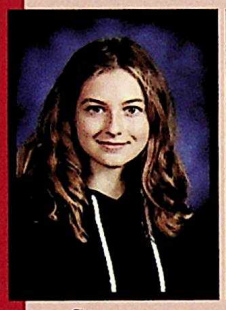
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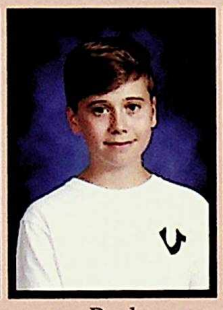
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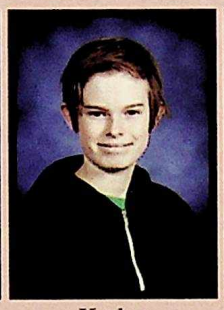
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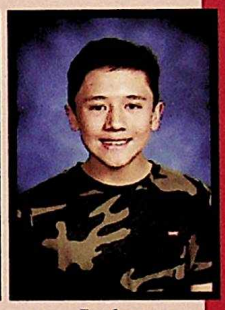
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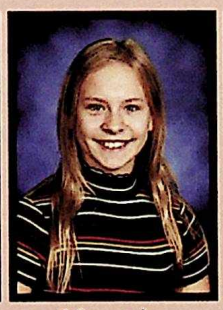
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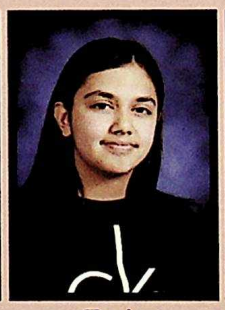
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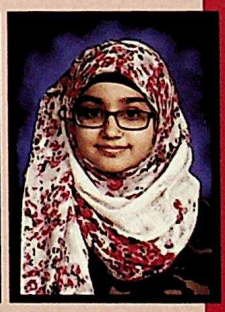
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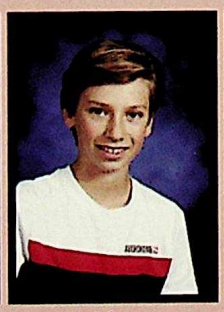
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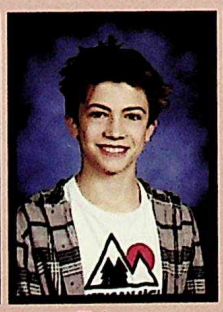
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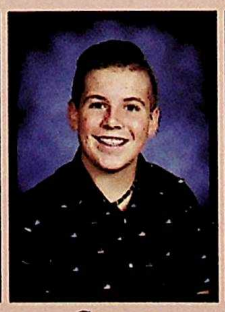
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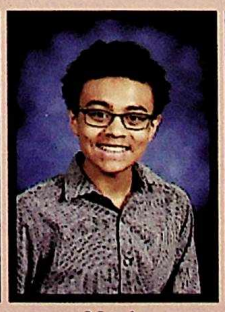
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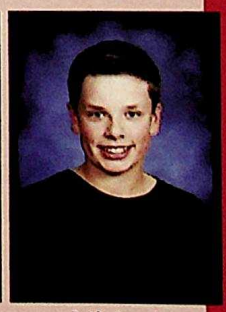
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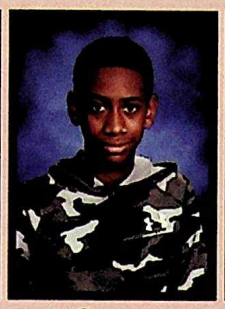
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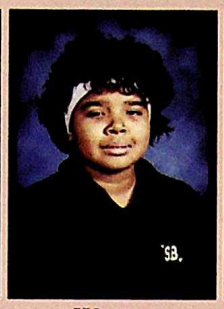
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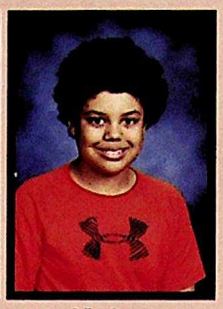
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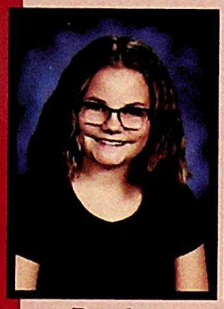
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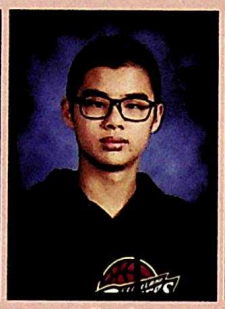
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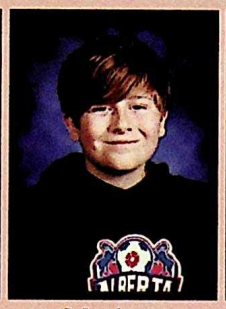
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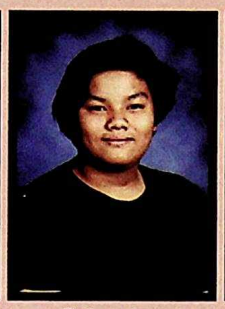
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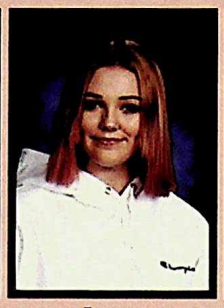
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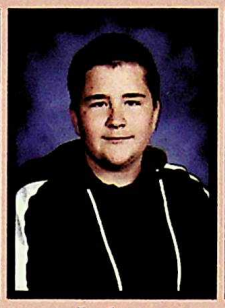
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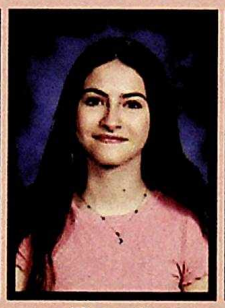
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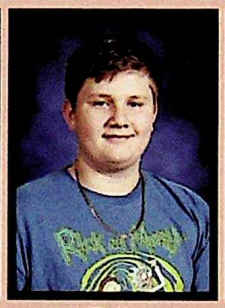
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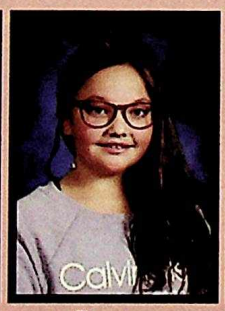
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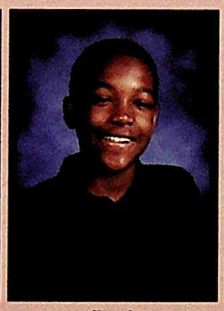
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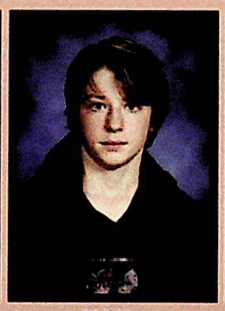
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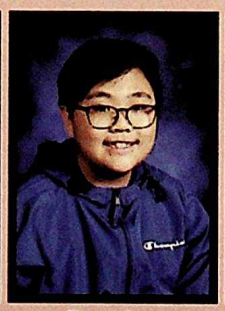
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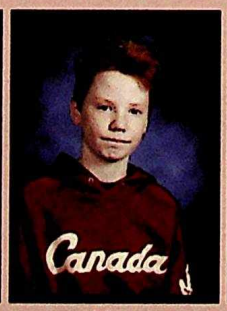
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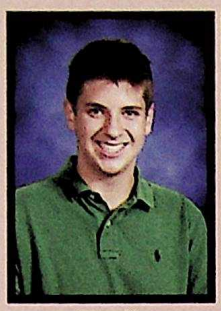
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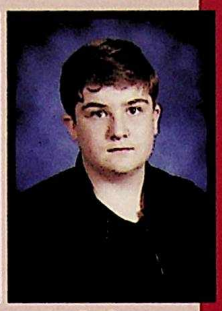
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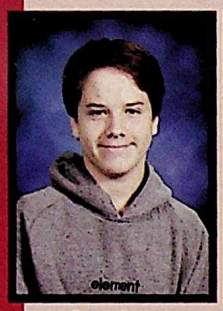
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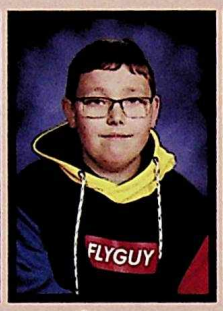

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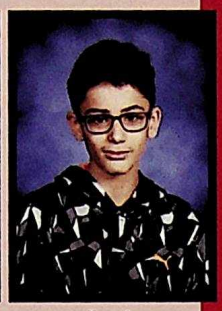
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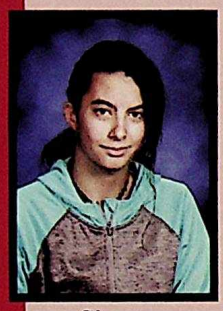
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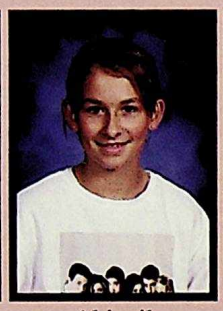
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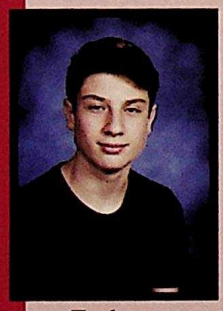
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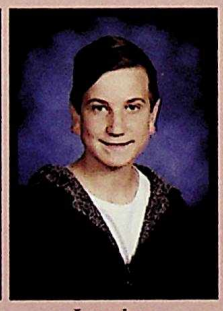
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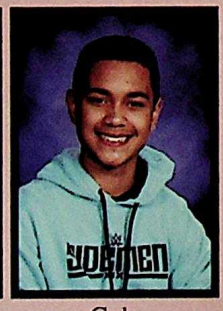
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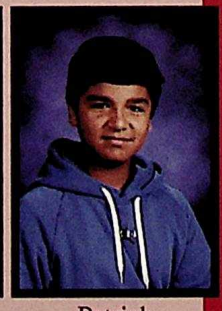
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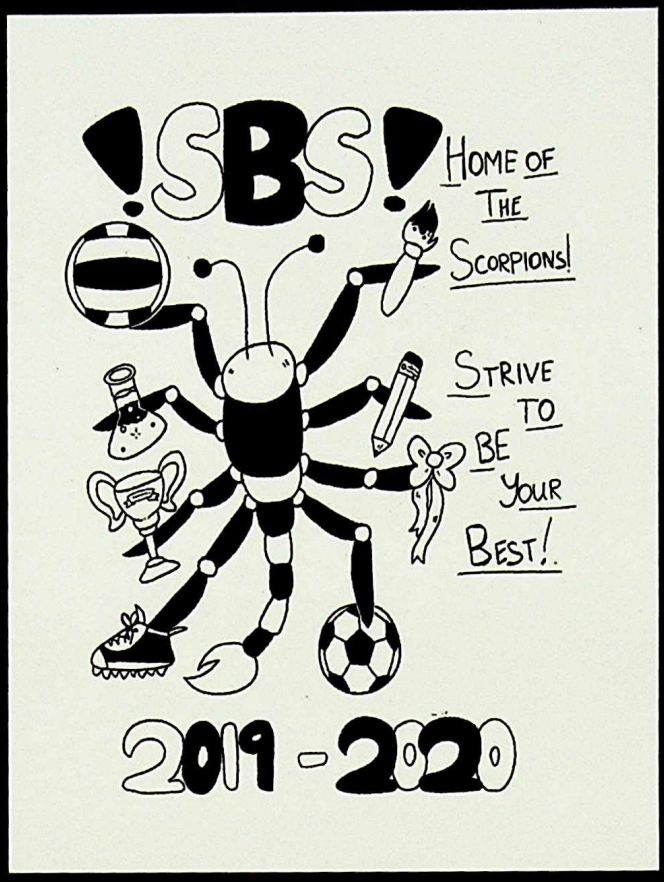

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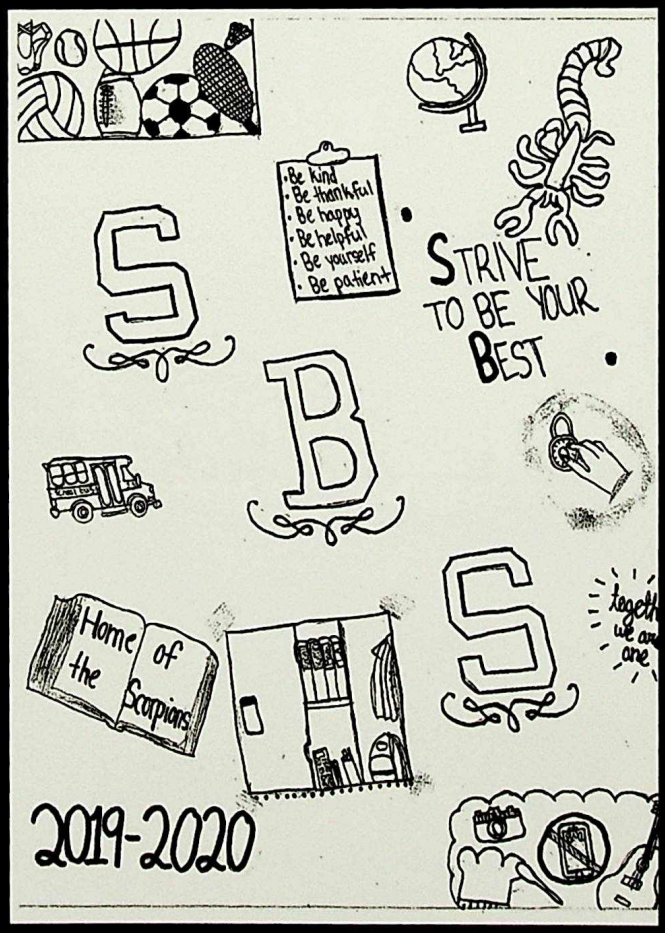

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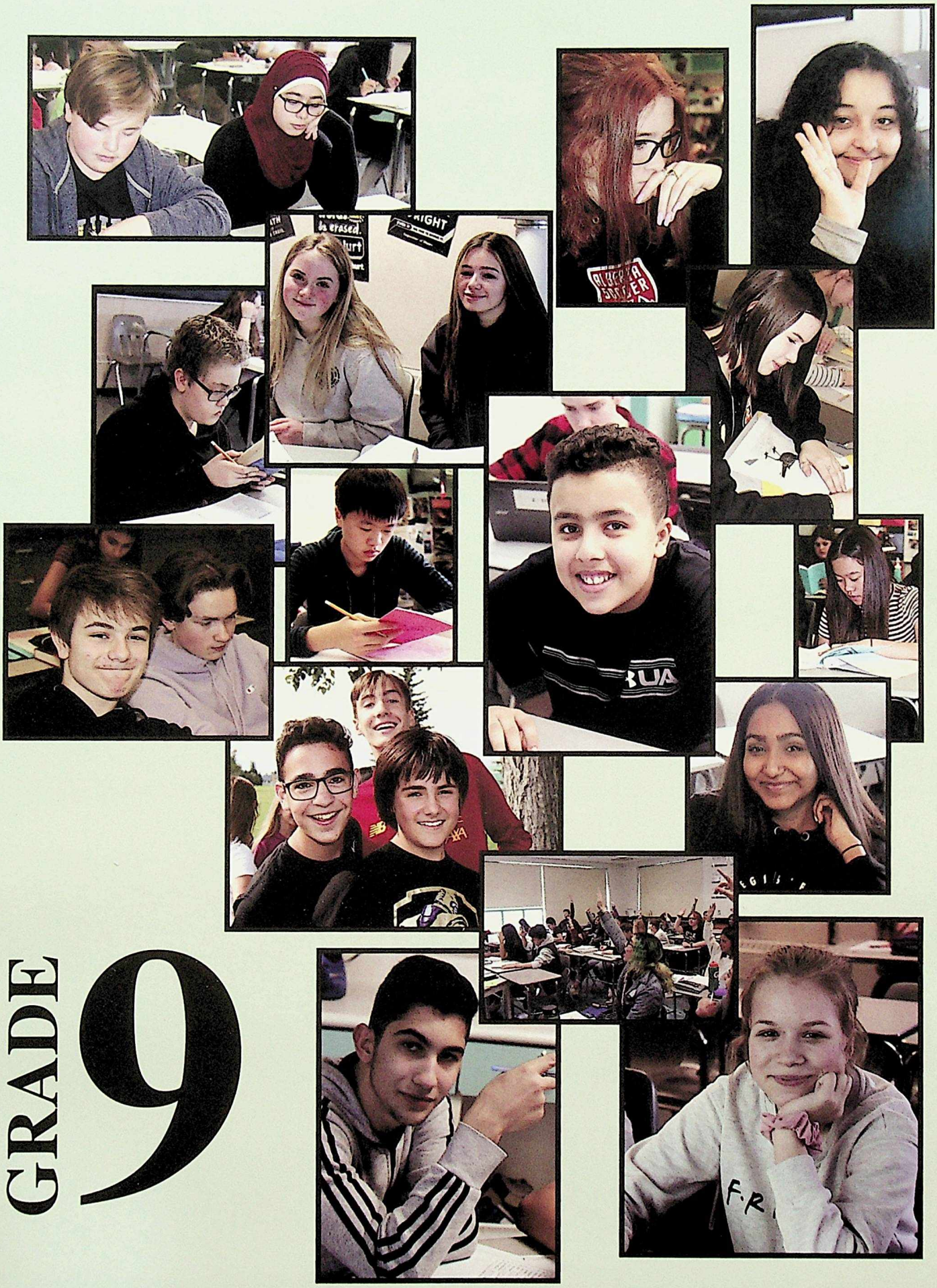

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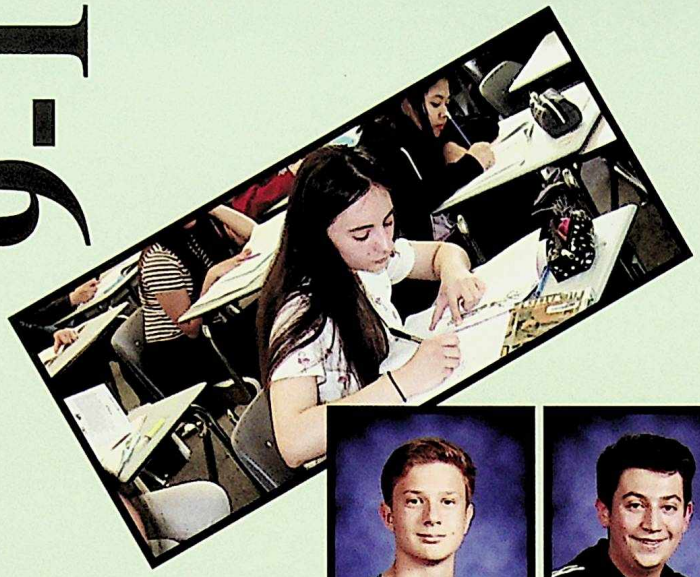

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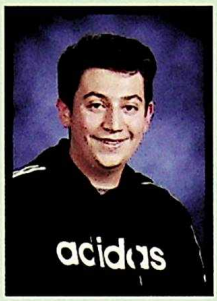

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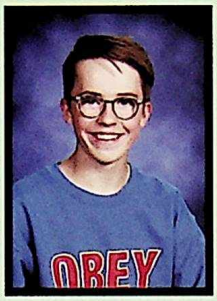

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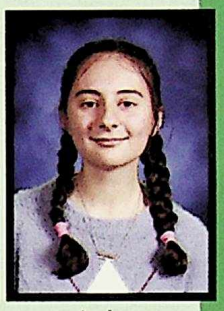

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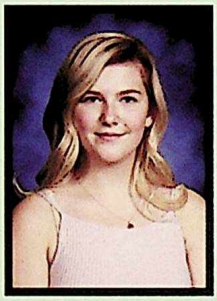

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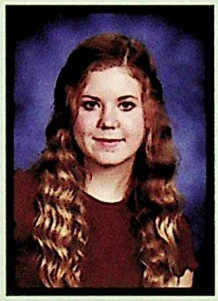

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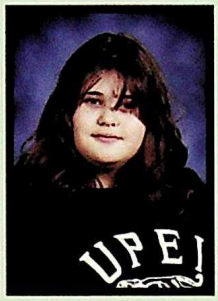

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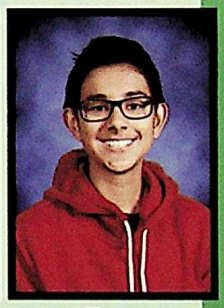

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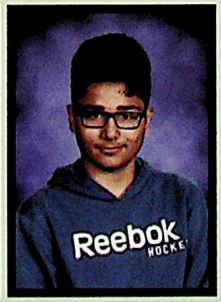

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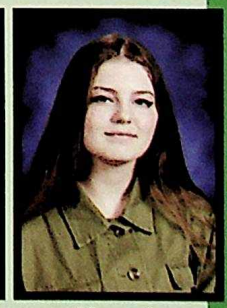

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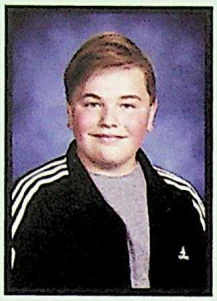
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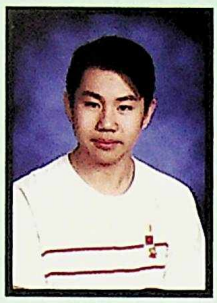
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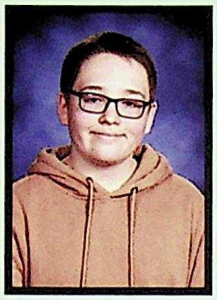
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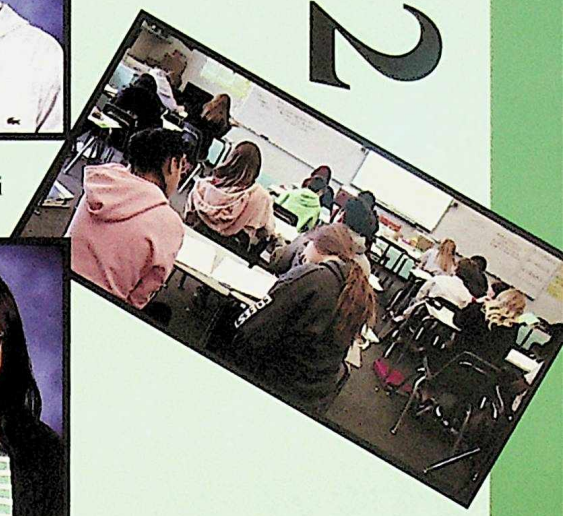

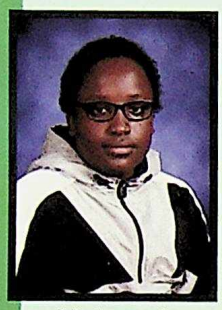
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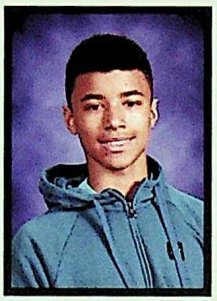
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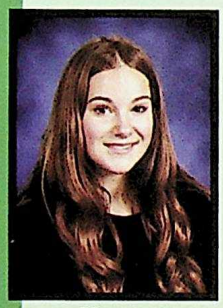
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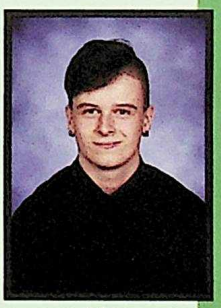
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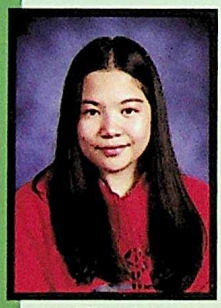
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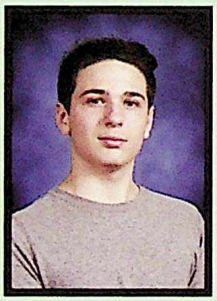
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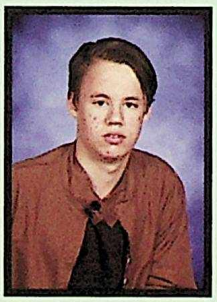
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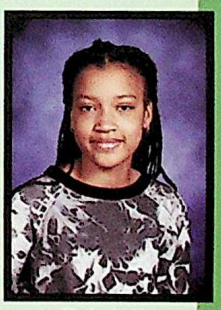
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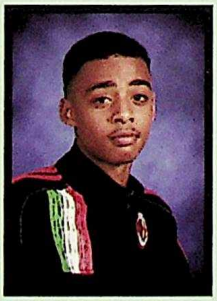
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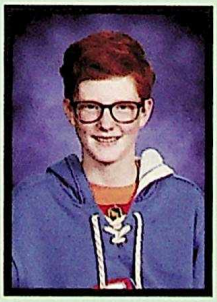
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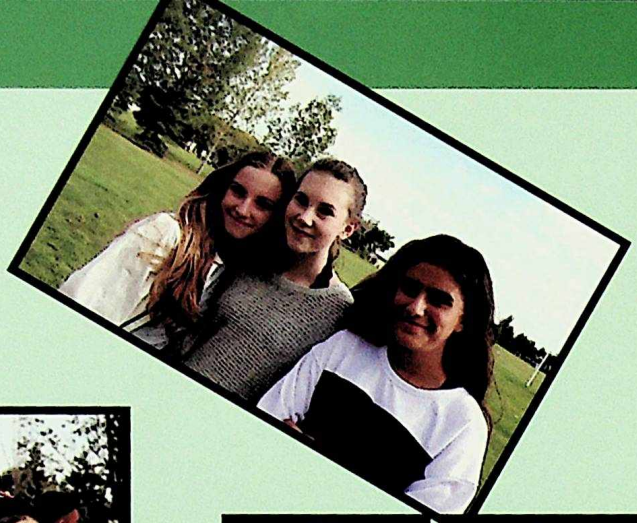

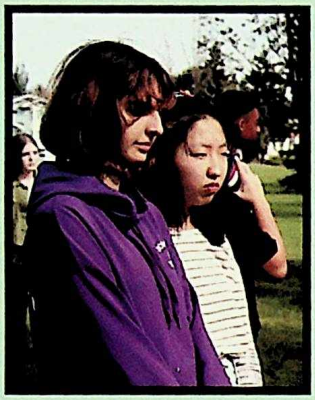

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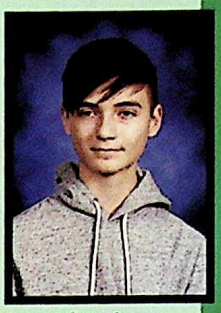

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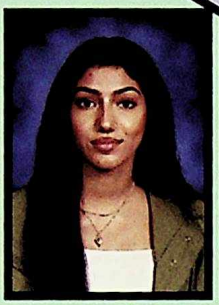

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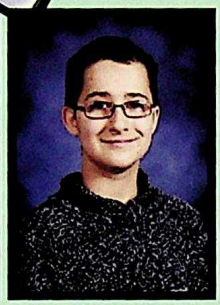

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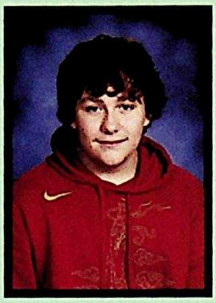

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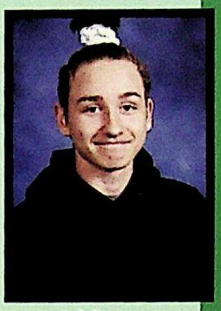

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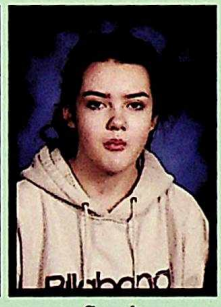

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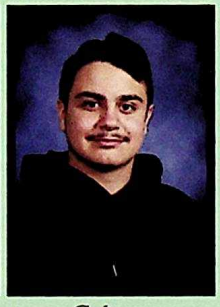

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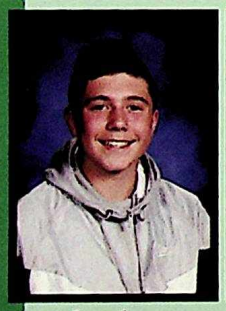

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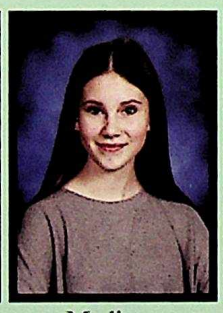

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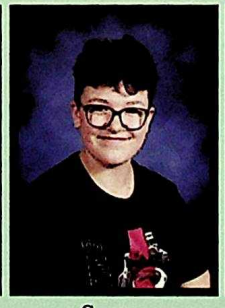

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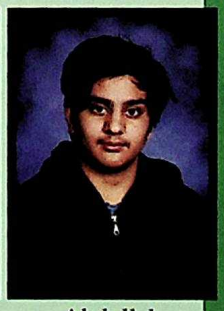

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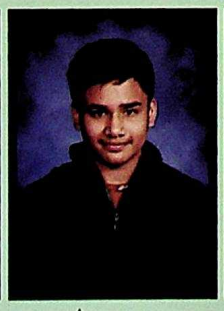

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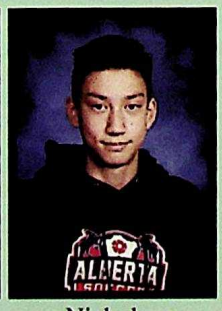

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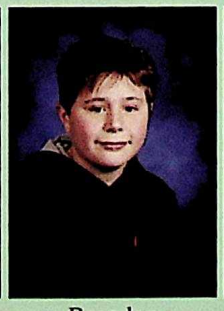

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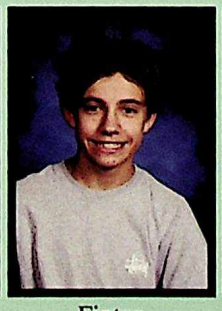

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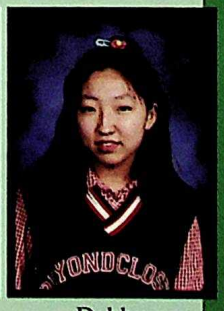

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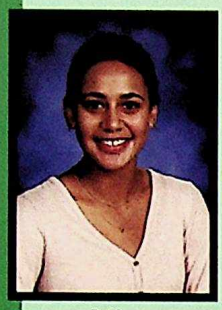
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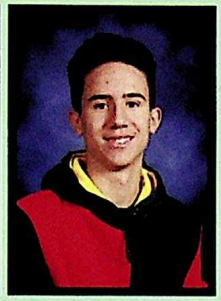
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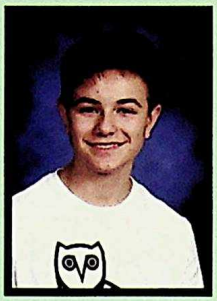
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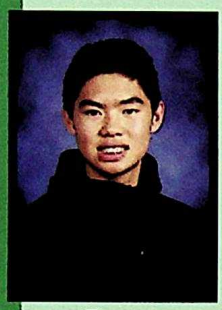
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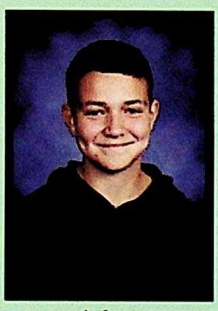
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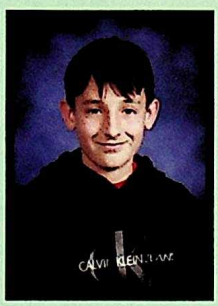
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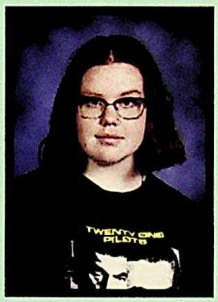
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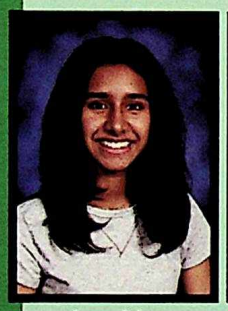
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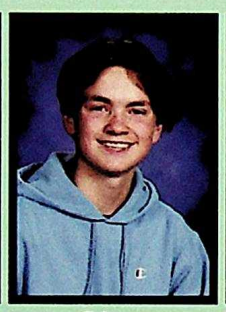
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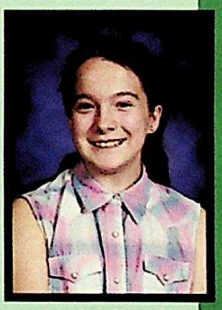
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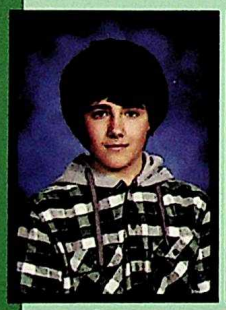
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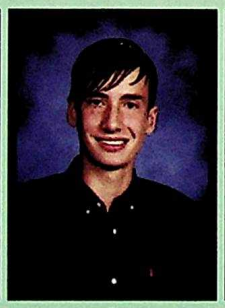
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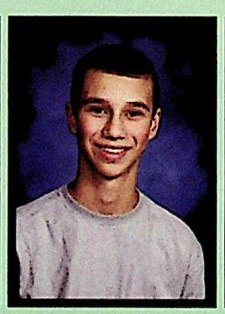
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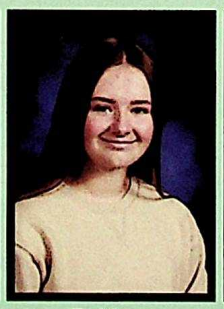
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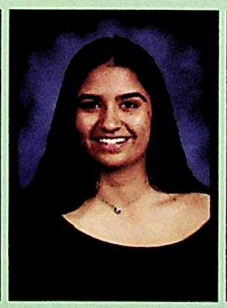
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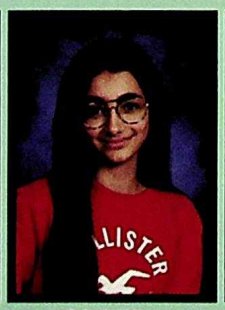
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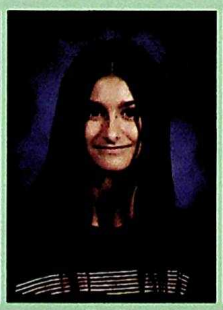
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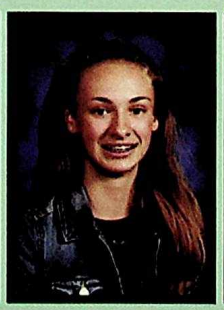
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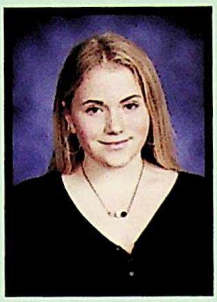
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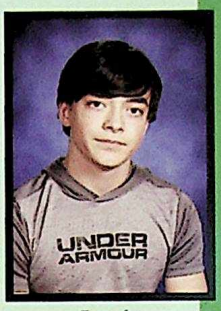

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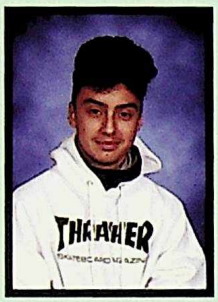

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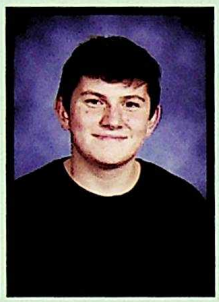
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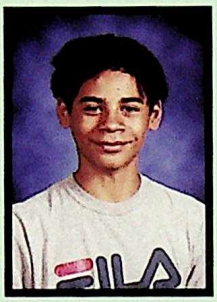
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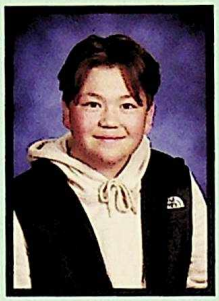
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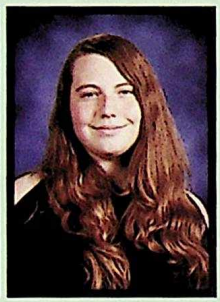
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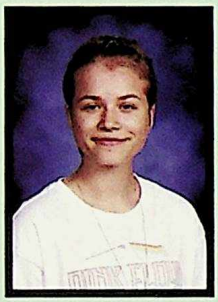
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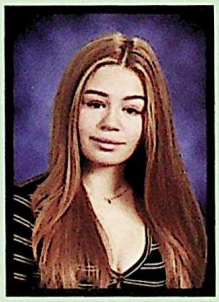
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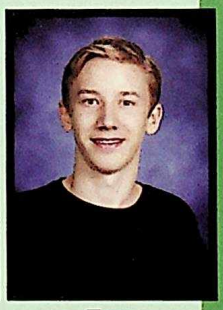
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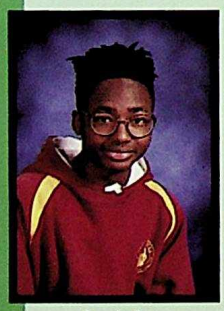
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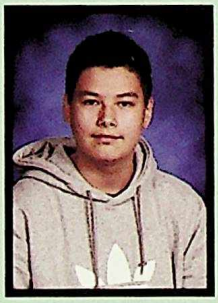
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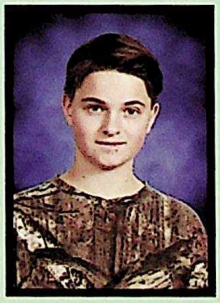
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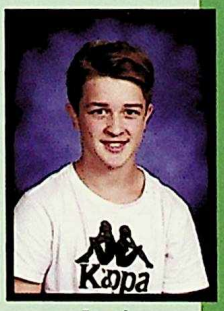

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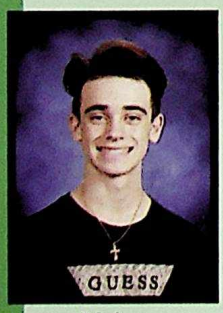

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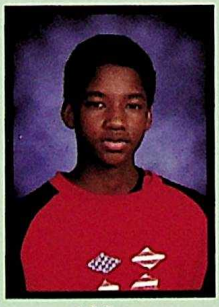
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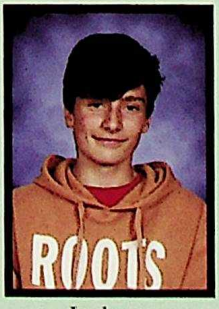

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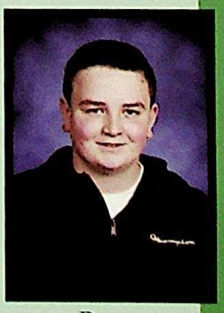
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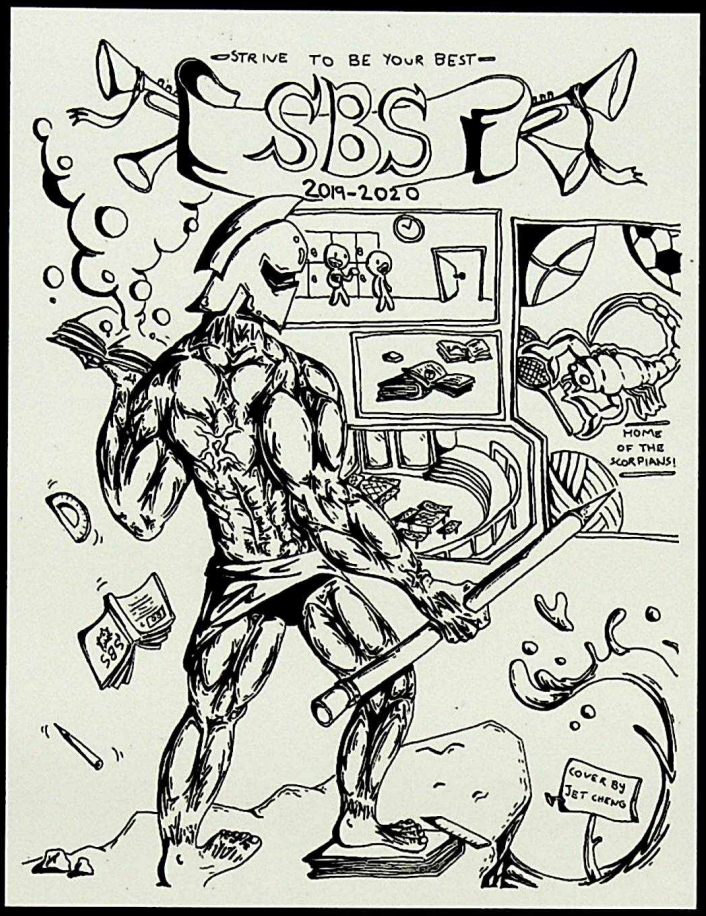

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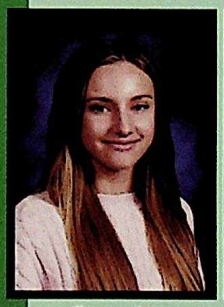

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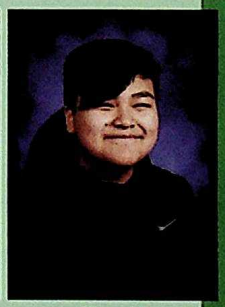

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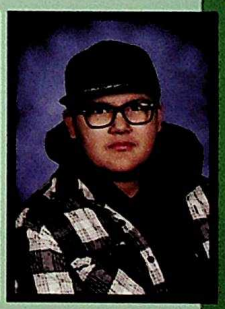

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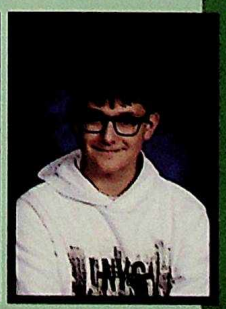

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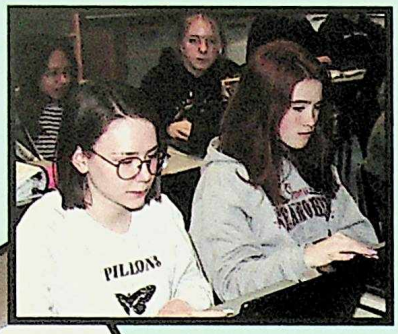

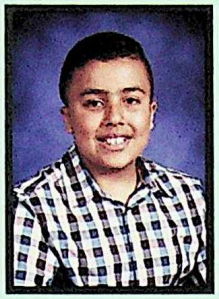

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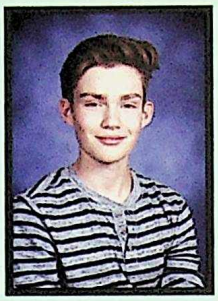

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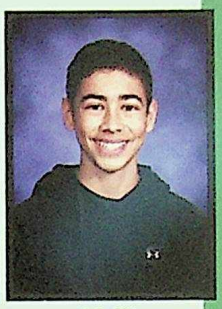

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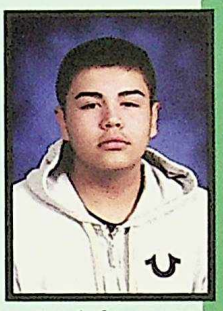

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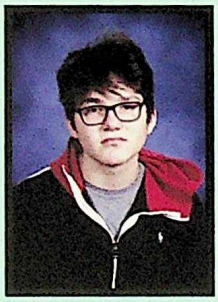

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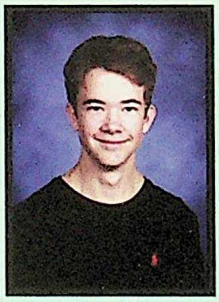

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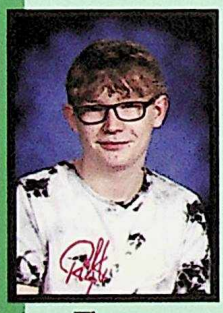

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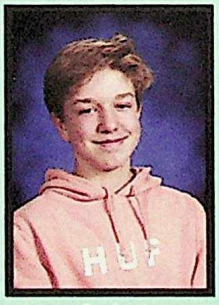

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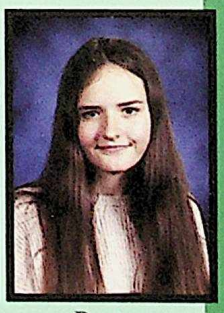

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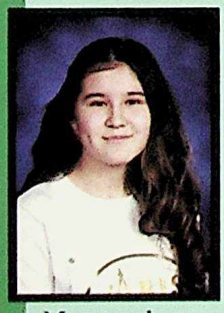

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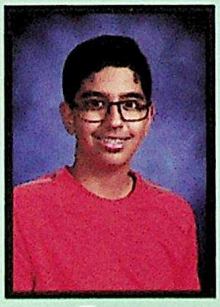

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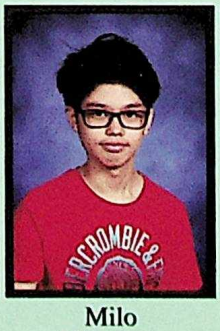

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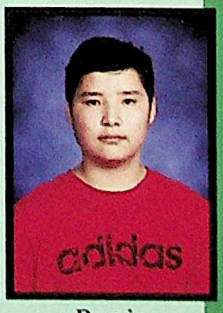

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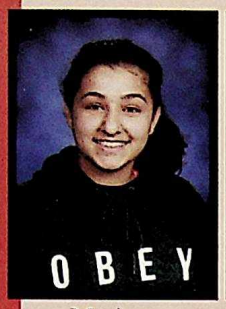

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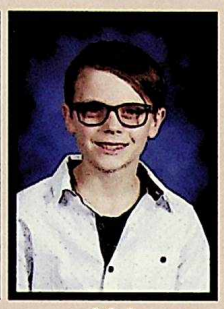

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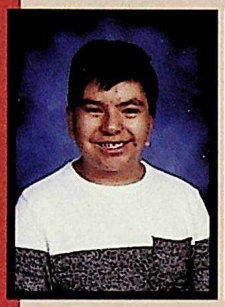

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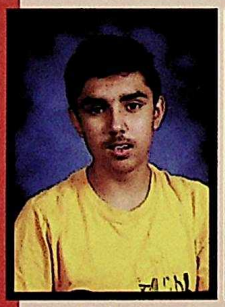

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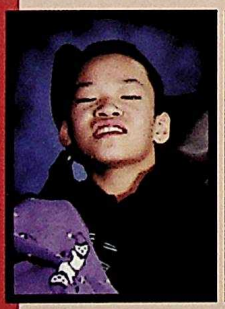

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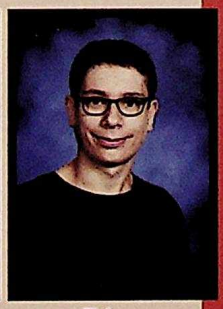

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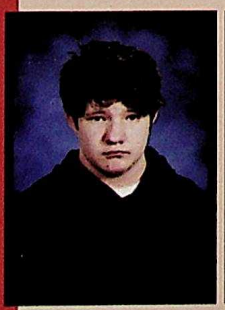

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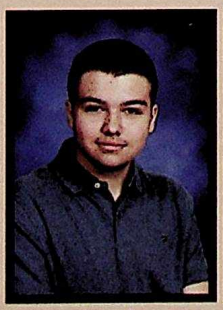

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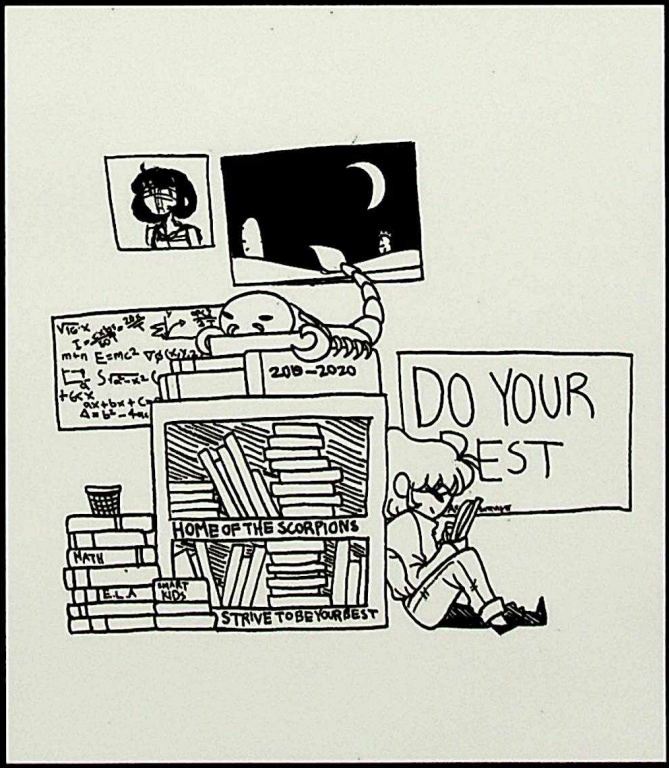

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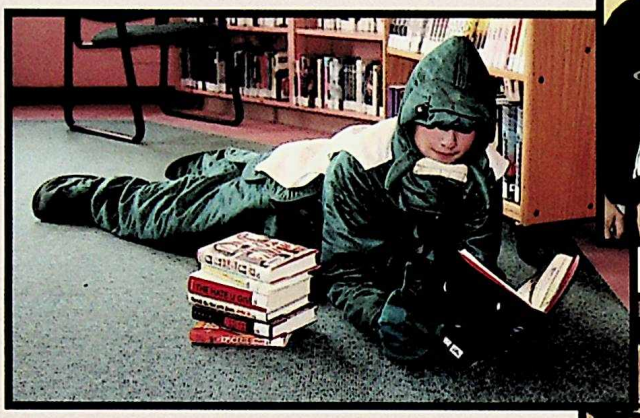
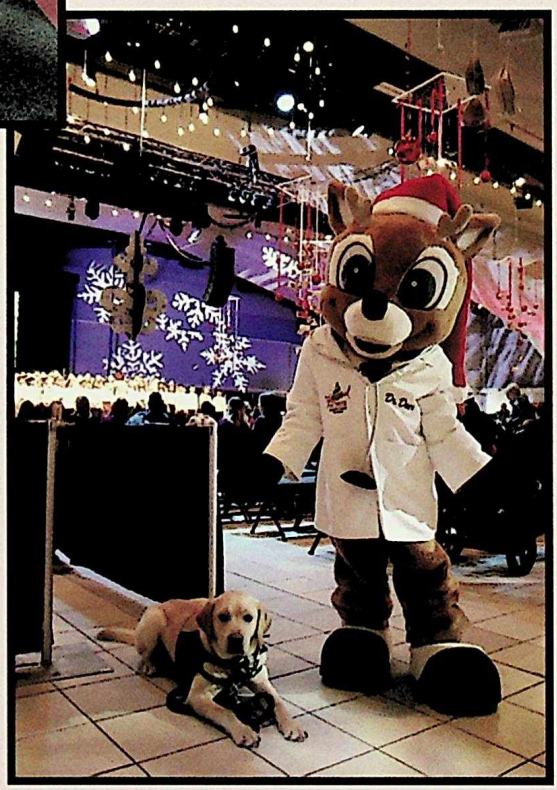




The Season of Happiness

The time between the sun and moon
Acting like a big buffoon.
When the fall leaves turn maroon.
Catch them as they blow around
See them in another time.

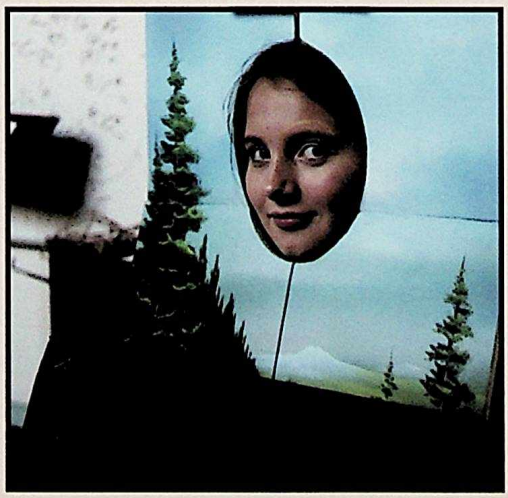
Then when sun breaks clouds
You will see it shining down
With the warmth you will enjoy

The sorrow of rain will begin
Back to shelter, keep the shine
In the back of your mind.

For when it returns
You will return to joy.

There are ups and downs all around
There are others who can help you out
The time may come to dig another out
Be happy and live life well.

-Matthew Prudek



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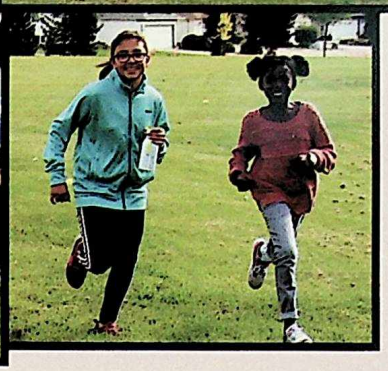

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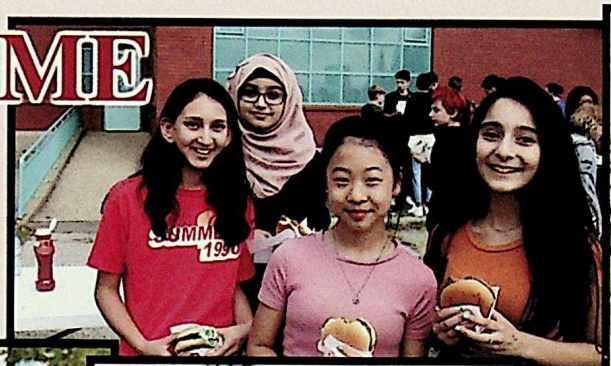

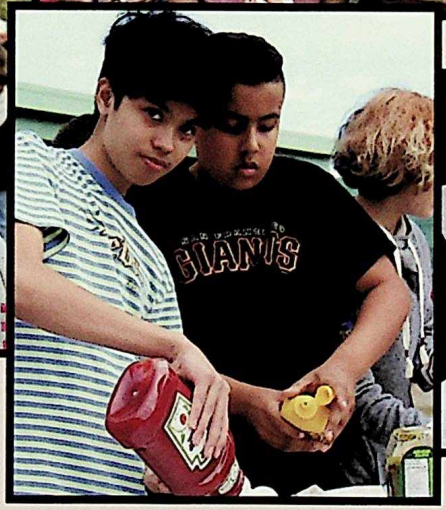

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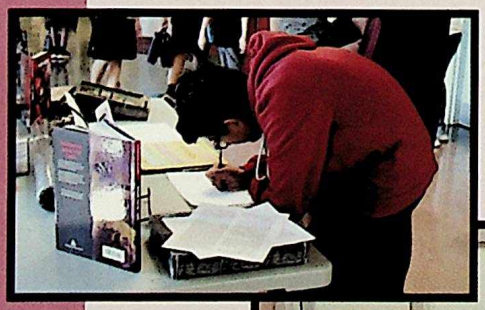

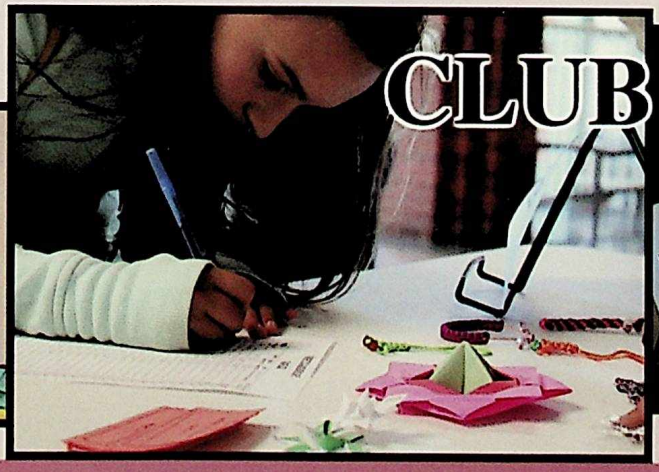

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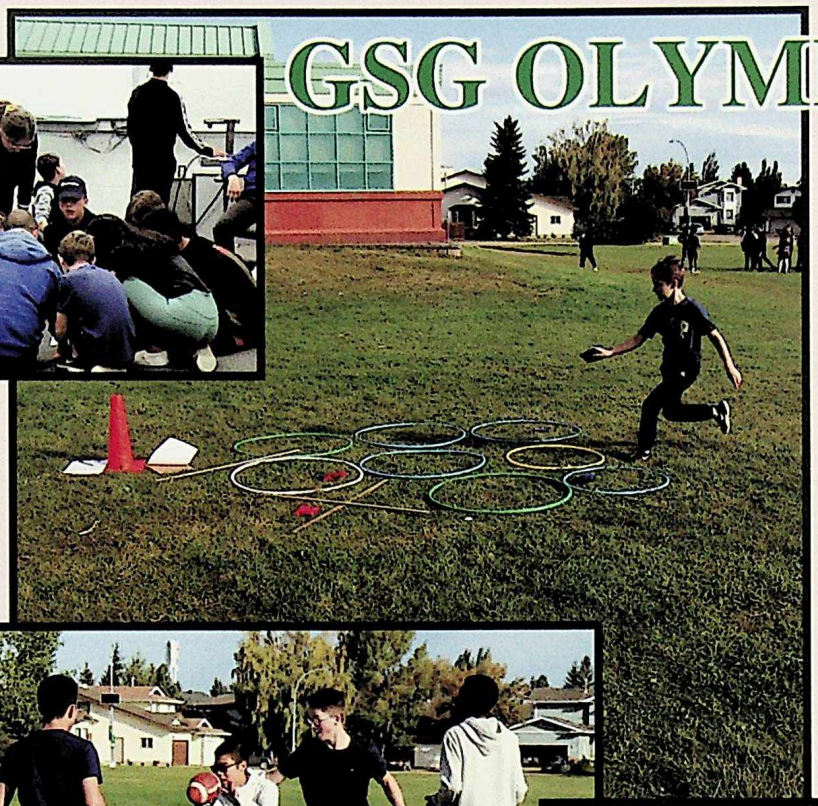

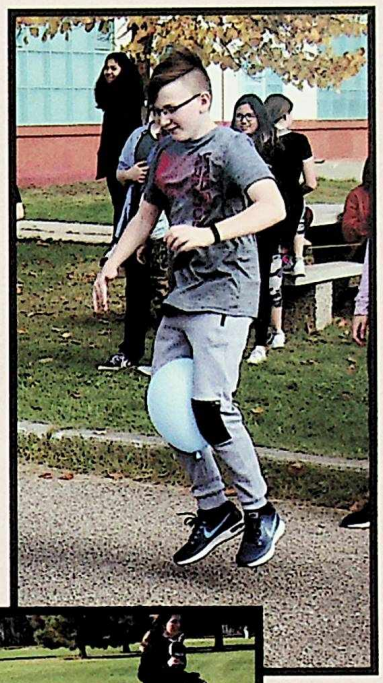

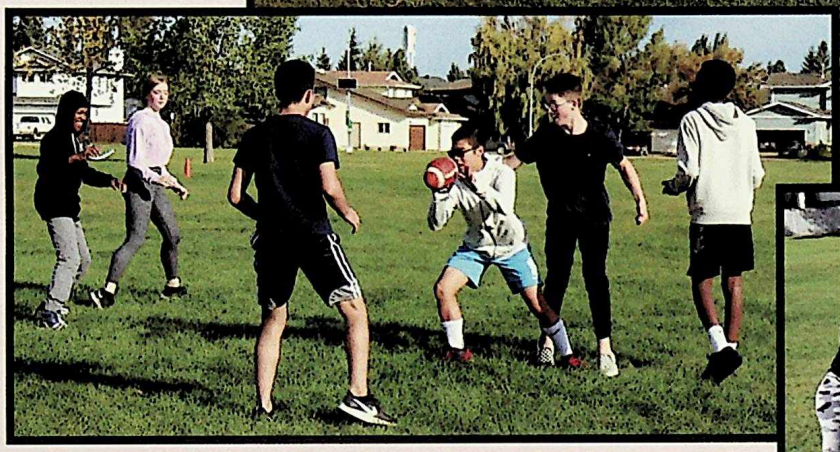

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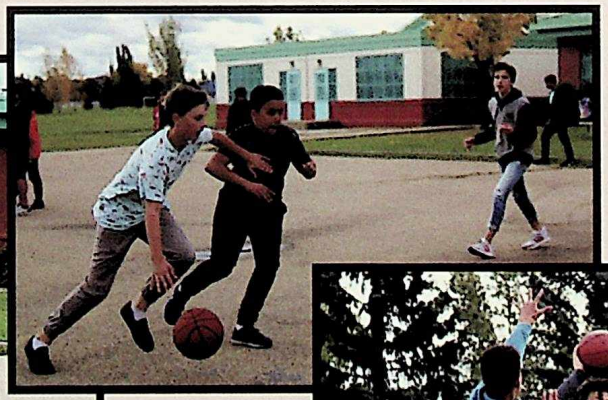

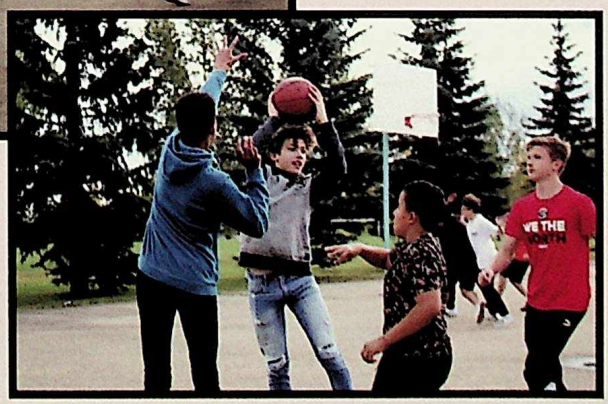

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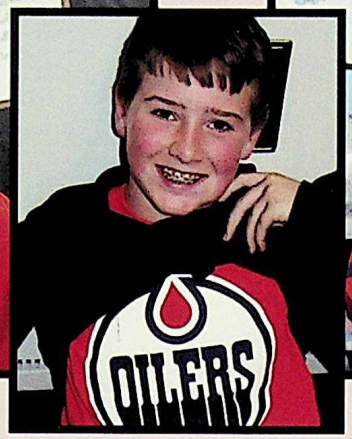

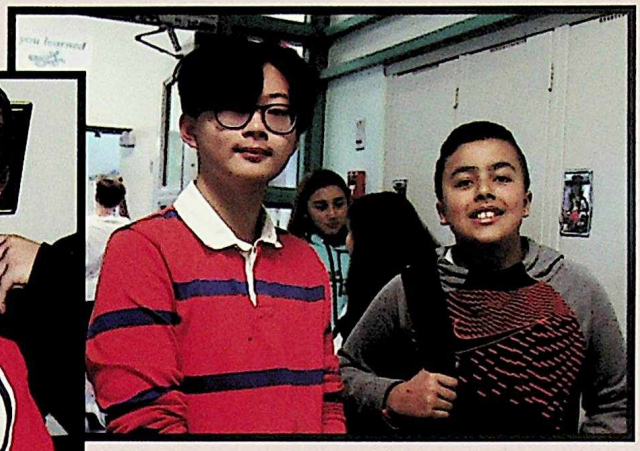

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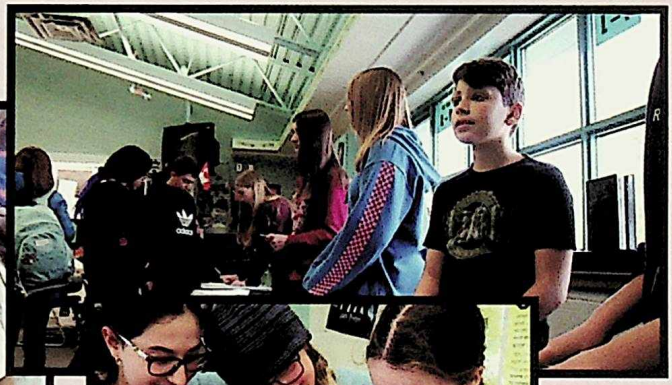

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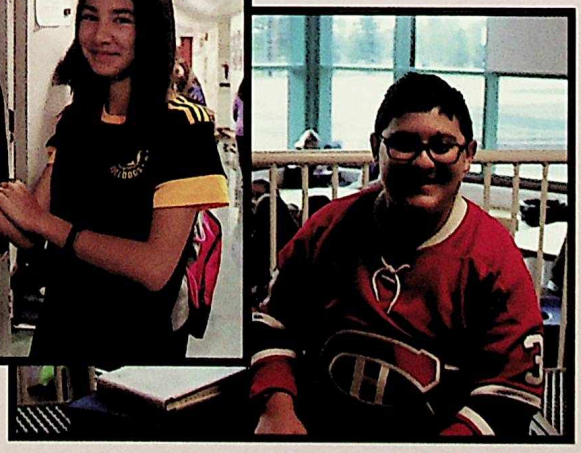

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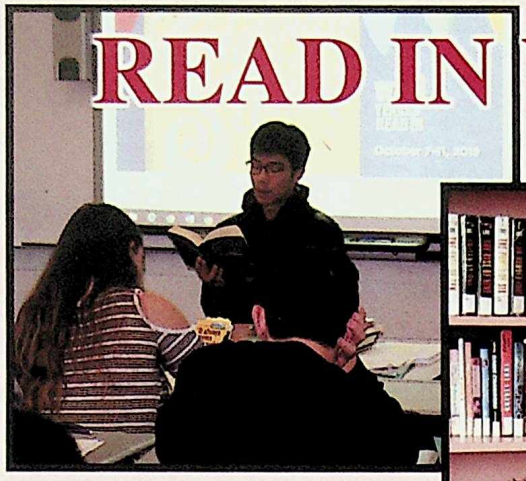

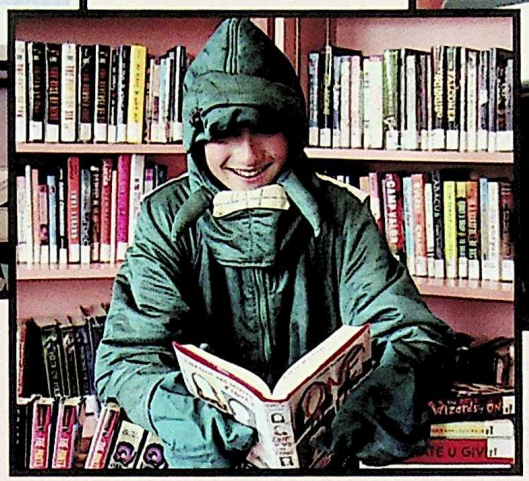

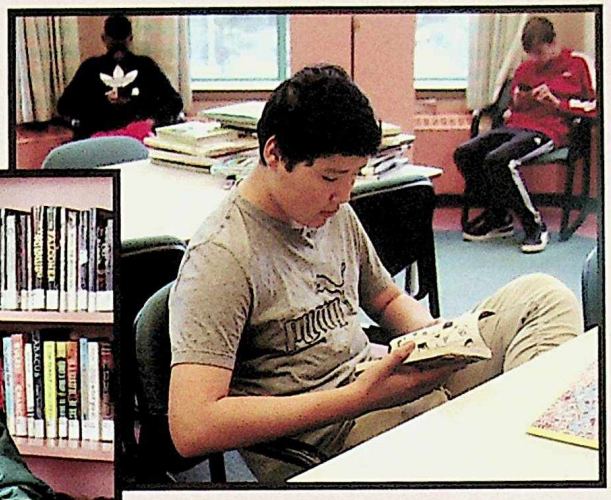

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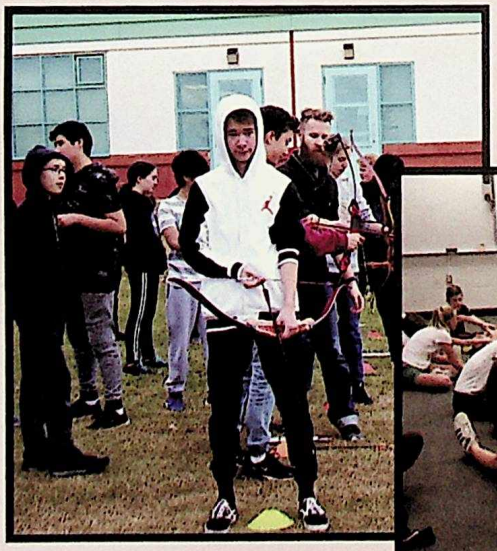

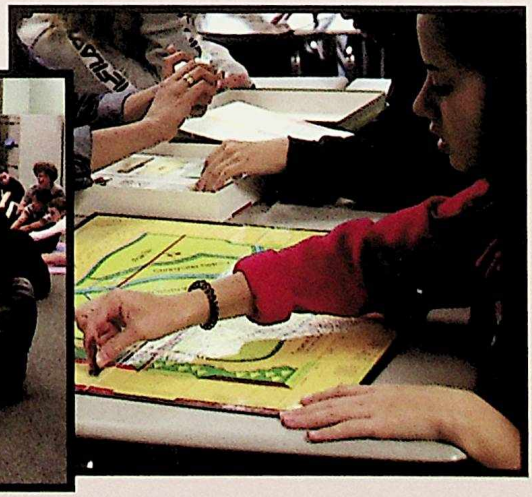

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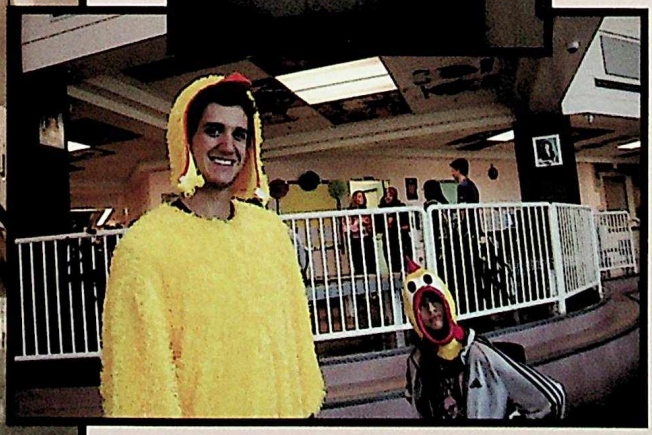

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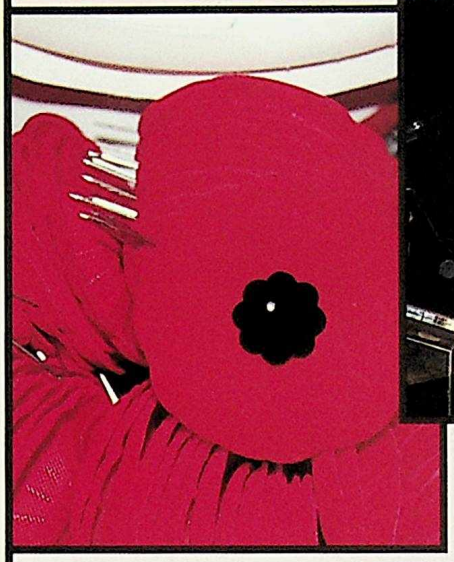

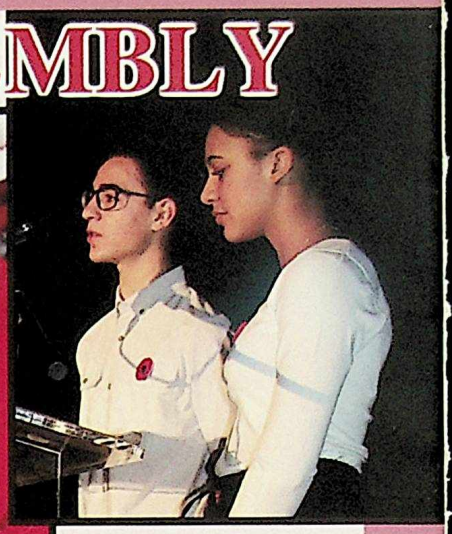

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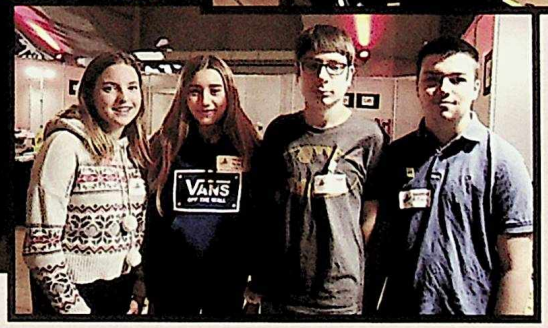

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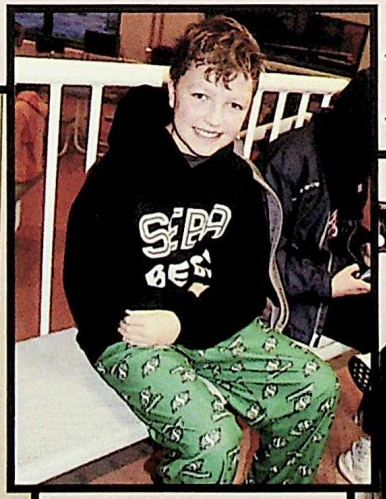

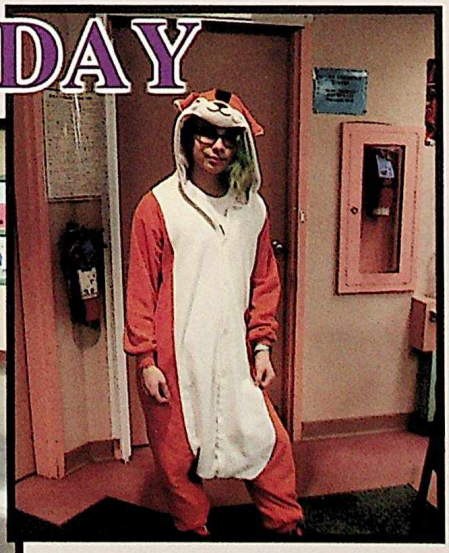

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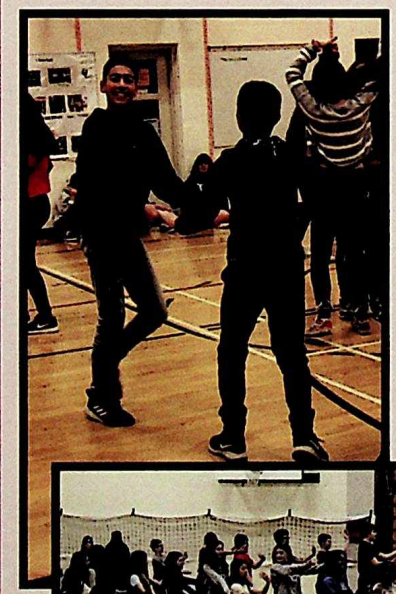

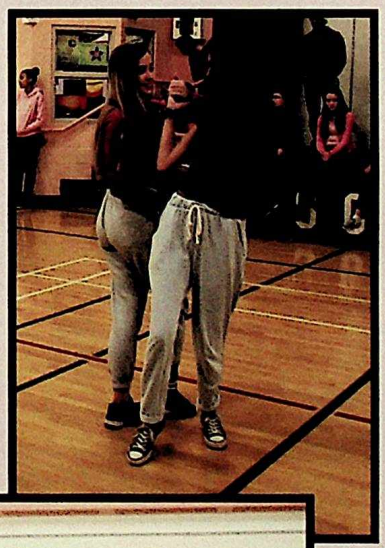

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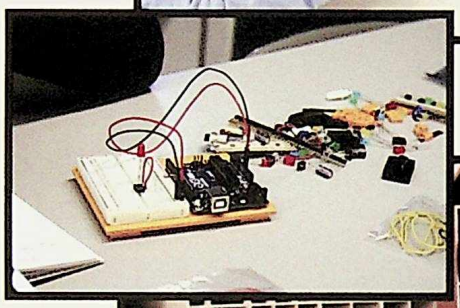

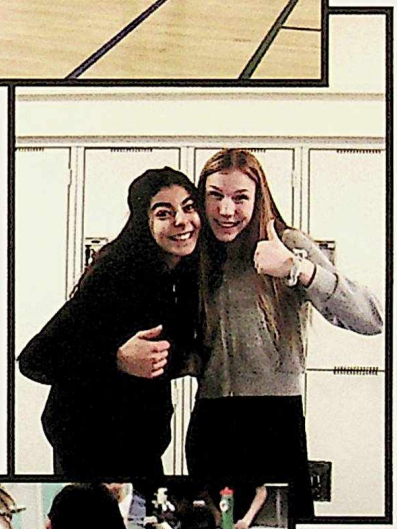

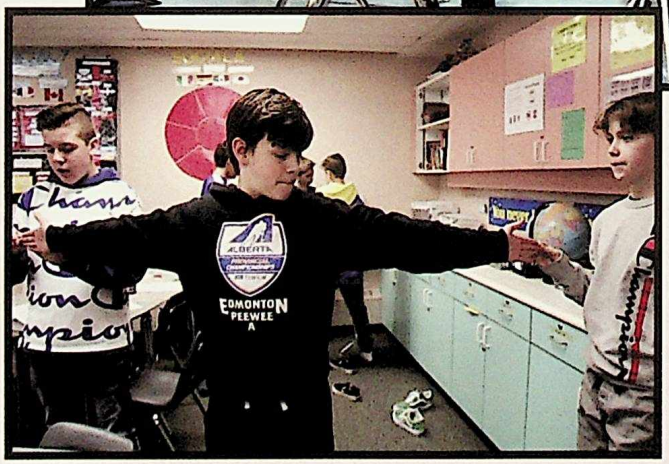

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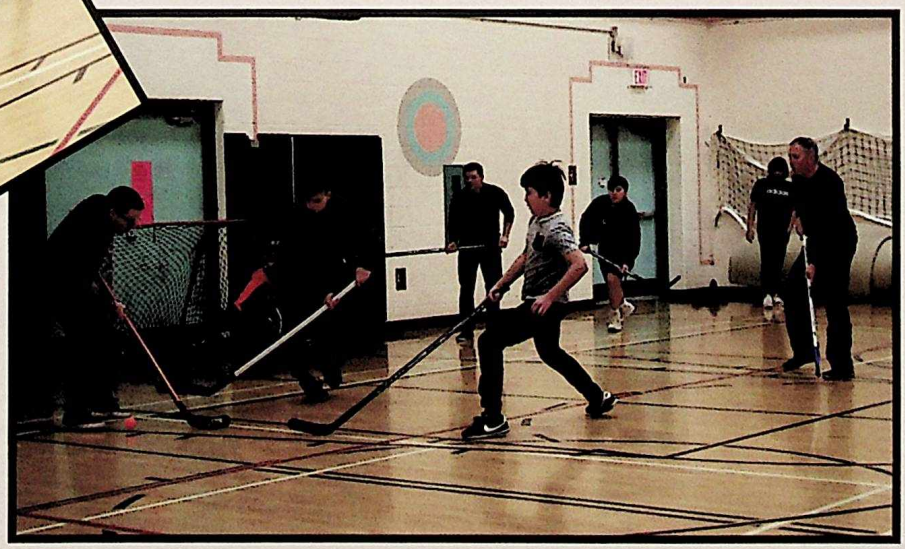

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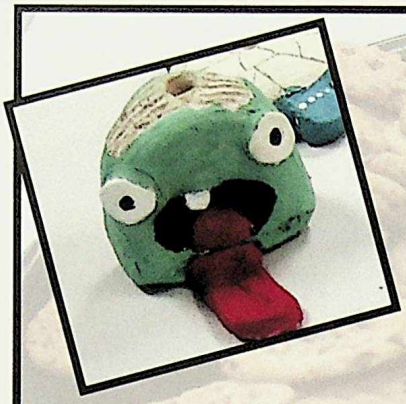

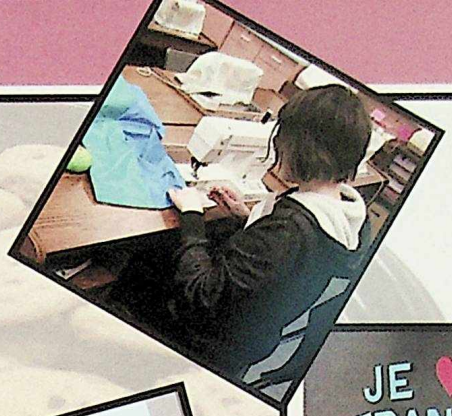

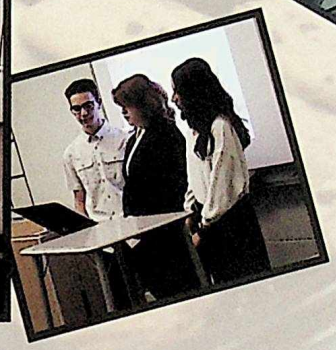

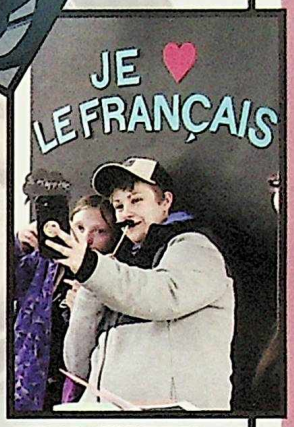

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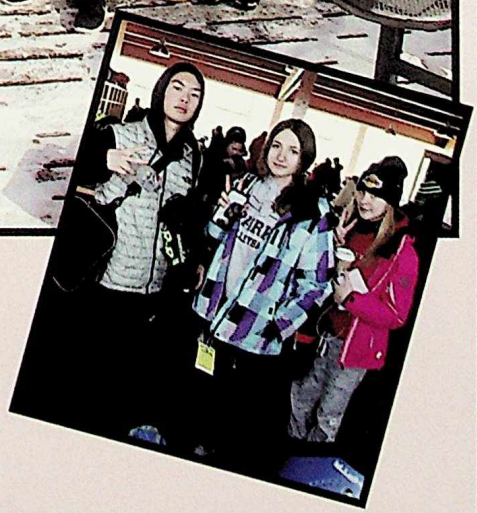

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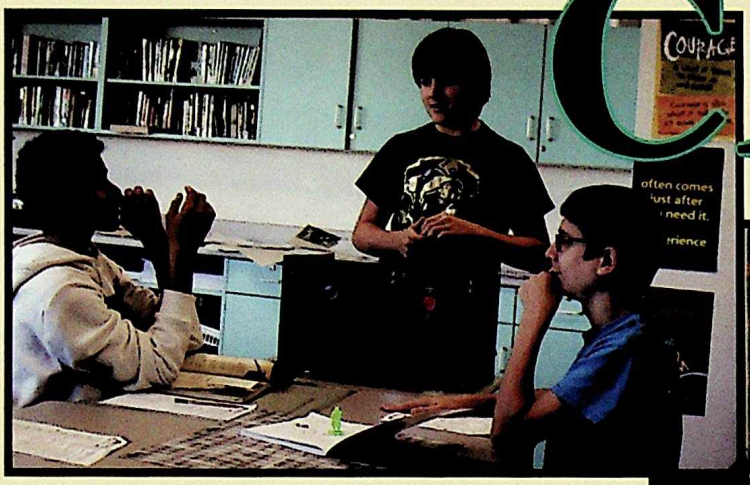
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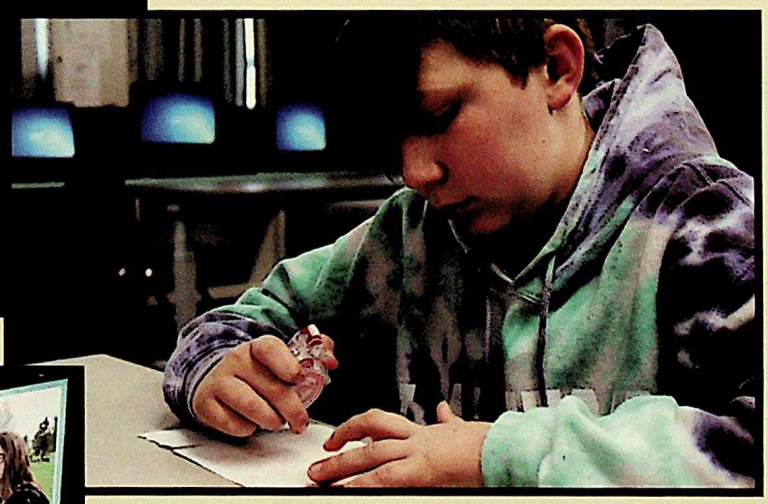

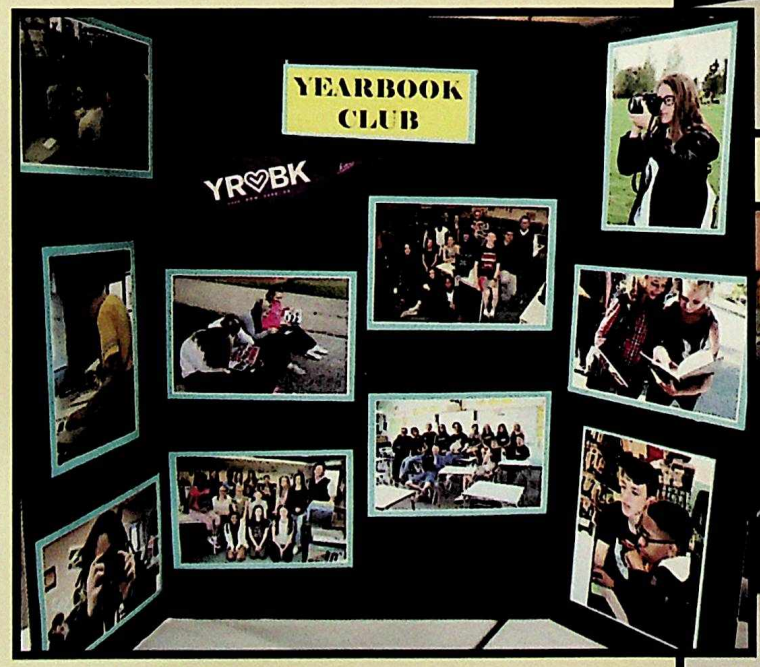
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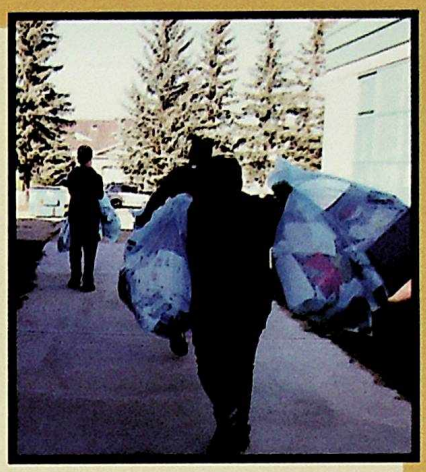

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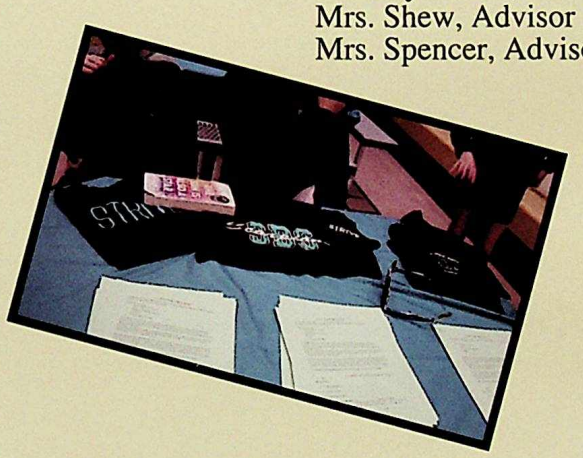

STEWARDSHIP * TEAMWORK * RESPECT * INITIATIVE * VISION * EXCELLENCE

It has been a unique year for the STRIVE team. We continued with some of our traditional activities, but also branched off and tried some new things. Early in the school year, we hosted mini-retreats and planned school-wide events during our regular Monday meetings with team members. Members continued the tradition of organizing the Community Hallowe'en Party, maintaining the Lost and Found as well as operating the Paper and Can Recycling programs. They also came up with some new ways to help our community and, as a result, created cards and/or care packages of baking for Touchmark and the homes surrounding the school. Nearly 100 neighbourhood children attended our annual Community Hallowe'en Party and enjoyed playing carnival games led by our STRIVE students. Through this event, we were able to collect over 1000 kg of food for the Food Bank. Aside from organizing the annual Community Hallowe'en Party, STRIVE sold Candy-Grams in December and Candy Bags in February to fundraise for community events such as the Food Bank and Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS). Team members also helped out at our Student Led Conference, the SBS Heritage Fair, Open House and the Grade 6 Orientation sessions with the students from our feeder schools. The team was planning an outdoor Spring Clean-Up following the return from Spring break but, due to the cancellation of school in March, that project along with working more charity fundraising events, and helping with the Grade 9 Farewell and the Year End Awards Ceremony were not possible. The STRIVE team members for 2019 -2020 generously contributed ideas, created resources and devoted hours of personal time towards our STRIVE initiatives. They are to be recognized for their leadership, citizenship and overall enthusiasm. These STRIVE students have truly demonstrated what it means to "Strive to Be Your Best."
Thank you to each one of you.

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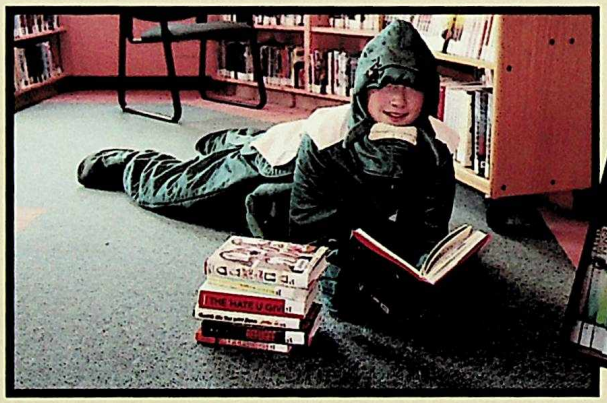
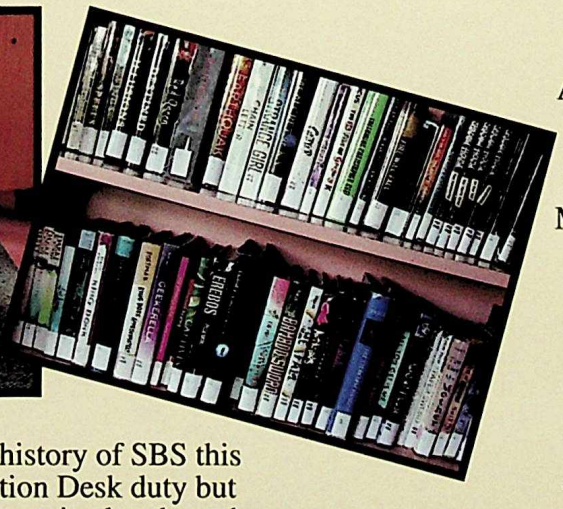
This was another busy year for the Yearbook students as they took pictures and designed pages that captured our many days as Scorpions. Special shout outs to the layout editors, photographers and proofreaders—and our many contributors—who spent countless hours outside of school time to produce this document of a very unusual school year.

LIBRARY CLUB





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The Library Club has never been busier in the history of SBS this year! These students not only handled Circulation Desk duty but also shelved books, barcoded, spine labelled, organized and much more. Library Club members worked shifts before school and at lunchtime to keep our books and resources available to all of our students. There was so much to do that after the first month, Club members were even doubling up each shift to help Mrs. Dayton and Mr. Rogers. They were also a huge help in the redesigning of the LRC to what it is today. Thank you so much for your hard work and we hope to see many of you back next year!

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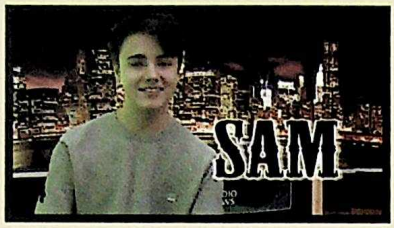

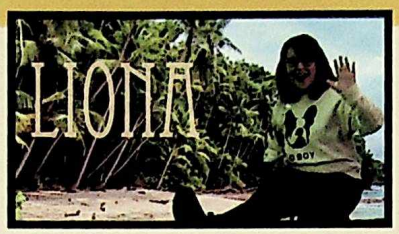

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Nine students came together each morning for announcements. Running the teleprompter, switcher, cameras, audio console and being anchors kept them quite busy. The daily announcements always gave our students event updates and information about the next home games, club meetings and school-wide public service announcements. However, the crew always found ways to have fun reporting on the weather, finding daily jokes, researching interesting facts about the day, and producing their own custom introduction.

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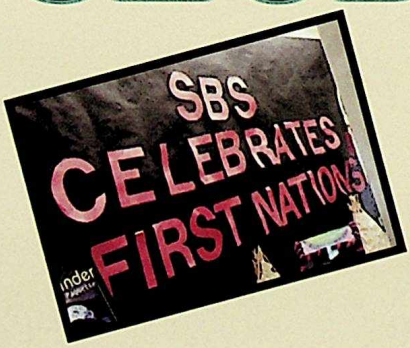
Rylan Tremblay
Ms. Chan, Advisor

This year, students in the SBS Craft Club embarked on working with different materials such as paper, embroidery floss, metal rings, cotton fabric and dough. With these materials students created many projects such as Origami, cards of embroidery floss designs, jewelry, bags for owl monitoring, Chinese dough art and Chinese knotting.

GSA

This year our GSA met every Thursday at lunch to partake in a sharing circle where we voiced both our good and our bad news and helped support each other through issues. We finished off with news of inclusive events for youth in the city and general hanging out. During a STING session, we were able to bring in a guest speaker where we discussed LGBTQ+ topics. During Black History Month we watched videos which taught us about influential queer people of colour.

INDIGENOUS CLUB



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Nevaeh Bird
Aevaun Cardinal
Nessa Cardinal
Tiyanna Cardinal
Marty Clarke
Cora Constant
Lyla Ghostkeeper
Kiersten Johnston
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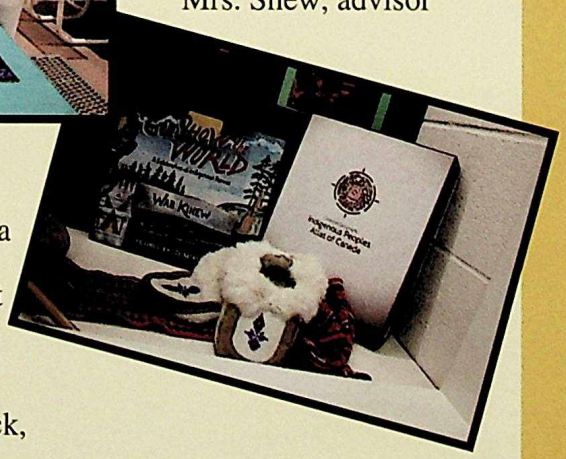
Ramone Nepoose
Ms. Aitken, advisor
Mrs. Shew, advisor



The Indigenous Club is a student driven group. Members meet once a month to share a meal and discuss a variety of topics that are of interests to them. Members organize and participate in activities that build community, support and awareness about the various FIrst Nations groups at SBS. Knowledge Keepers and Elders have been invited to share cultural traditions and understandings. Members decided the activities they wanted to do this year was to make bannock, traditional beading and had an opportunity to make dreamcatchers. Although anyone who identifies as First Nations, Metis or Inuit are invited to drop in for lunch and contribute, the following students have been attending regularly and have driven many of the discussions.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Liam Barrigan
Jaden Bradshaw
Nick Burrill
Aevaun Cardinal
Taylor Connors
Matthew Derkach
Damyn Giga
Jackson Halwa
Elijah Korpan
Erik Lee
Ja'Naar Matheson
Ethan McCallum
Kyden McIsaac
Sam Michaelchuk
Simon Polkovsky
Tyler Schmidt
Avery Smith
Ms. McClean, host

The Dungeon Masters Sam and Avery prepared fantasy stories of sorcery and adventure, then the rest of the players took charge as characters in that story and gathered weekly to cooperatively tell the tale. It was a great way to develop problem-solving skills, acting chops, and lasting friendships! The best way for our newbies to dip their toes in the roleplaying waters was to experience it, to play it or, at the very least, watch it be played…because that's how we *role*!

CHESS CLUB

Joshua Fraser
Nicholas Janmohamed
Aaron Logan
William Ma
Sam Michaelchuk
Brandyn Mizera Bourdon
Simon Polkovsky
Lior Shabtai
Ronni Shabtai
Matthew Stoffelen
Simyon Voskovskiy
Caelan Yavis
Mr. Stinson, host

During lunch hours of the cold weeks of winter and spring, students put their strategic chess skills to work and met some wonderful new and old friends in the process. Congratulations to Nick Janmohamed who won our tournament--two years in a row--and thank you to the other players to tried their best to beat him!!!

IMPROV CLUB

This fun-loving group met regularly in the conference room to hone their abilities to think fast on their feet while experimenting with movement and voice. Led by Sam, the group members stretched themselves beyond their comfort level.

Orkida Dukaj
Josh Fraser
Elijah Korpan
Ethan McCallum
Sam Michaelchuk
Austin Mullins
Mrs. Gosse, Host

DEBATE CLUB

The Debate Club met at lunch in Room 2-9. The club quickly transformed into a tight-knit group of individuals who enjoyed lively discourse while stretching their conversation and speaking skills. Friday's were a time to speak and debate freely and passionately about topics that mattered.

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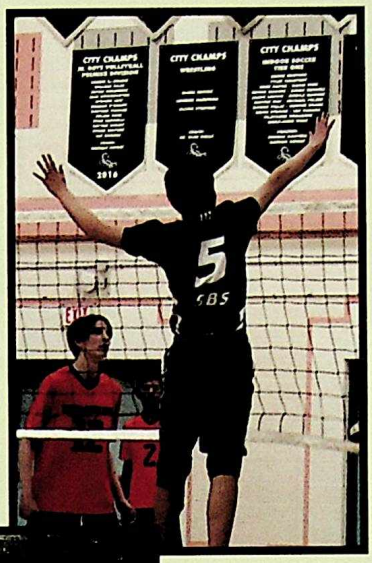
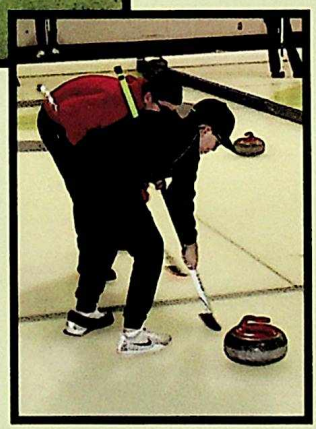
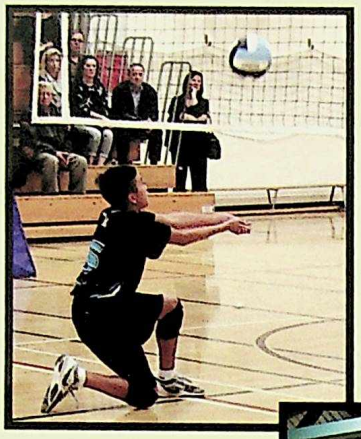
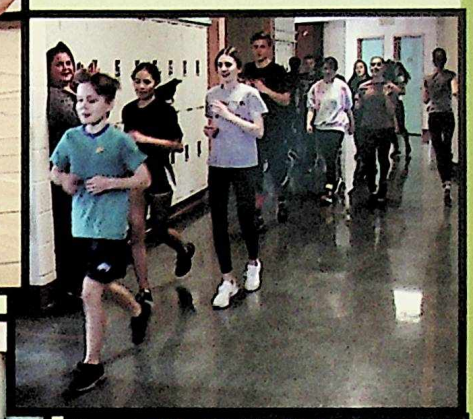
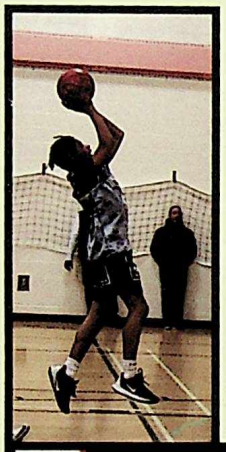
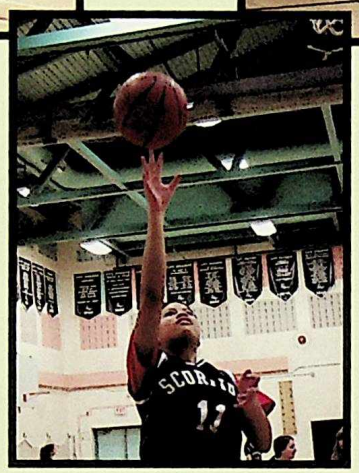


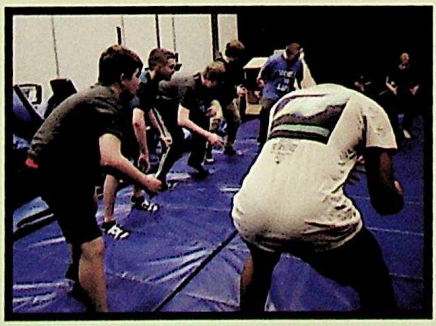












SPORTS

BOYS

Dominic Ballermann
Liam Barrigan
Christian Dalgetty
Adam Danyluk
Jack Dundass
Najib Elkadri
Owen Hamel
Zayd Haymour
Jaxon Lavigne
Landon MacIver
Paul Matthey
Josh Nwosu
Andrew Ogle
Carter Oleksiw
Najaash Said
Alan Silva
Tristan Thompson
Mr. Gouveia, Coach
Mr. McKeown, Coach
VV Vorasane, Assistant Coach

The Boys Soccer team fielded one of our youngest squads in recent memory this past outdoor season in what was a clear rebuilding year. While we struggled to get the results we desired, we were competitive in every match and our play was characterized both by skilled play and positive team work. This was an exceptionally sportsmanlike group. We thank the grade nines for their leadership and guidance and we are looking forward to building on this very positive foundation in the years to come.

SOCCER

GIRLS

Alyx Buchanan
Ashley Buchanan
Raunya Haymour
Samantha Hickey
Katia Hussein
Maddy Kearns
Kaylie Kohn
Alexandra MacDonald
Carmen Reyes
Isabella Reyes
Priya Sehgal
Jocelyn Spencer
Iyla Uretsky
Faith Wehinger
Paige Wilson
Mr. Howat, Coach
Ms. Shilaeff, Coach

This year, the Girls Soccer team saw great success. They played against some really strong teams and managed to get all the way to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they lost the match, but that put them into the Bronze medal match. This game was much closer, but ultimately they lost the game. Even though the girls didn't get a medal, they were fourth overall in the city, which is a major accomplishment. Great job, girls!

INDOOR CO-ED

Seth Ballermann
Ashley Buchanan
Mila Campbell-Fowler
Christian Dalgetty
Adam Danyluk
Aidan Du Toit
Najib Elkadri
Alexandra MacDonald
Landon MacIver
Paul Matthey
Iris Morrow
Carter Oleksiw
Carmen Reyes
Najaash Said
Priya Sehgal
Alan Silva
Emma Vu
Faith Wehinger
Mr. McKeown, Coach
Ms. Shilaeff, Coach

SOCCER

This year, our Indoor Co-ed Soccer team really came together both in skill and attitude. The team worked hard, created incredible plays and set up amazing goal-scoring opportunities. Despite the results of the season, both coaches strongly believe that with the talent that they had, there was not a single team that the Scorpions could not beat. We look forward to playing again next year. Amazing job, Scorpions!

X-COUNTRY

Dominic Ballermann
Seth Ballermann
Rylan Barber
Lara Bergen
Esmé Culham
JP Fowler
Rian Fraser
Lander Fuhr
Samantha Hickey
Morgan Jacobs-Miller
Maddy Kearns
Sarah Kleib
Kaylie Kohn
Jordyn MacDonald
Paul Matthey
Iris Morrow
Andrew Ogle
Claire Toore
Morganna Turlione
Faith Wehinger
Gabrielle Whissell
Paige Wilson
Mr. Kirkpatrick, Coach
Mr. Trottier, Coach

SBS was represented by a very competitive and dedicated X-Country team as we fielded our biggest team ever. Our runners competed against hundreds of students from across the city and had very strong results in every division. The coaches were very proud of the sportsmanship and enthusiasm demonstrated by our team and we look forward to carrying our momentum into next year! Way to go Scorpions!

SENIOR GIRLS

Kaitlynn Akins
Eryn Bertsch
Alyx Buchanan
Alice Dobrotvorska
Anjeza Dukaj
Geronne Geronimo
Samantha Hickey
Sarah Kleib
Alexandra MacDonald
Carmen Reyes
Isabella Reyes
Payton Roland
Gabriela Ruivo
Ms. Bertsch, Coach
Mr. Dobrotvorska, Coach
Mr. Howat, Teacher Sponsor

The Senior Girls Volleyball team had a tremendous season. They were in the tough Premier Division, and were looking to take the title this year! The team had strong performances in their two tournaments, including a game against the Junior Girls from Jasper Place. Ultimately, the girls did make the Premier Division quarter-finals, but lost a tough, close match. Still, they finished as one of the top six teams in the city--a fantastic result! Great job, Scorpions!

VOLLEYBALL

JUNIOR GIRLS

Evangelina Anderson
Mila Campbell-Fowler
Olivia Chan
Janel Garcia
Mya Gerhardt
Maleeha Imran
Sarah Lieske
Sarah Quang
Ella Switzer
Leilani Vorasane
Emma Vu
Yi Wu
Ms. Shilaeff, Coach

The Junior Girls Volleyball team had a phenomenal season! With only two returning players, the girls had to start learning how to work together quickly. After many early morning practices, the team really clicked and they came away with a Gold in a senior volleyball tournament, and a Bronze in another. In terms of regular season, the girls bumped, set, and hit their way to 3rd place in the Premier Division, making them the 3rd best team in the city! Awesome job, girls!

SENIOR BOYS

Seth Ballermann
Nick Burrill
Evan Chan
Najib Elkadri
Nathan Lee
Abdi Musse
Josh Nwosu
Keegan Perry
Justin Ross
Najaash Said
Tristan Thompson
Michael Yusypchuk
Mr. Howat, Teacher Sponsor
Ms. Kosloski, Coach
Ms. Thompson, Coach
Ms. Yusypchuk, Coach

The Senior Boys Volleyball team had a fun season filled with learning and great volleyball! The boys did not have a lot of experience, but managed to start the season strong, including a top 4 finish at the Lillian Osborne Tournament. Some key injuries hurt the boys later in the season, and the boys just missed out on making the play-offs. Still, the coaches were impressed with how far the boys came, and are already looking forward to a strong season next year!

VOLLEYBALL

JUNIOR BOYS

Keagan Anderson
Dominic Ballermann
Nicholas Janmohamed
Maximus Lamb
Paul Matthey
Isaac Michaelchuk
Carter Oleksiw
Mason Ramirez
Theo Shipton
Oresti Smajli
Jordan Switzer
Logan Woytovicz
Mr. Howat, Coach

The Junior Boys Volleyball team had a very successful season. The boys did not have a single returning player from last year, so there was a lot of youth and inexperience, but the boys worked extremely hard and learned a lot. They really came together as a team and overcame a season ending injury to one of their key players. The results were positive, with the boys winning the Westmount Tournament, and finishing 2nd and 3rd in their other two tournaments. The team made the Premier Division play-offs where they just came up short in an exciting, close match. Still, a top eight finish in the city was an excellent result, and the boys are already looking forward to next year!

GIRLS

Lara Bergen
Alyx Buchanan
Anna Chubakha
Esmé Culham
Mia Ginther
Raunya Haymour
Chloe Kennedy
Cheyenne Tilden
Leilani Vorasane
Faith Wehinger
Mr. Howat, Coach
Ms. Shilaeff, Coach

INDOOR TRACK

This year was a formative year for our Indoor Track team. We had a lot of new faces ready to sprint their hardest and everyone was eager to start training. We can proudly say that in over a decade, our indoor track team has yet to drop a baton and we have no plans to start! All runners had a fantastic evening at the Butterdome. Both relay teams and individual runners qualified for the next race but, due to unforeseen circumstances, the finals were cancelled. All runners did great at the first track meet and we can't wait to see what next year will bring!

BOYS

Dominic Ballermann
Seth Ballermann
Aevaun Cardinal
Christian Dalgetty
Adam Danyluk
Najib Elkadri
Owen Hamel
Austin Njagi
Joshua Post
Tyler Schmidt
Mr. Howat, Coach
Ms. Shilaeff, Coach

CURLING

Kiel Eldstrom
Raunya Haymour
Nicholas Janmohamed
Tia La
Ethan McCallum
Sonya Plicka
Claire Toore
Sadie Toore
Paxton Woodard
Caelan Yavis
Mrs. McDaniel, Coach
Mrs. Shew, Coach
Mr. Trottier, Coach

The SBS Curling team had an awesome season. All of our games were very competitive and we came within one win of reaching the year end bonspiel. All of our curlers demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and dedication throughout the year and the coaches were very proud of them. We had a young team and we got stronger as the year went on so we're looking forward to making a run in the playoffs next year. Great job Scorpions!

DANCE

Vikasha Devi
Kaylie Kohn
Abbey McKenzie
Neha Parmar
Sarah Quang
Tania Singh
Jocelyn Spencer
Gabrielle Whissell
Vanessa Rasie, Coach
Ms. Chugh, Advisor

This year the Dance team was hard at work learning and perfecting a jazz dance routine along with their jazz technique. With daily practices and hours of rehearsal the girls prepared to compete at local dance competitions across the city. The team shared plenty of fun experiences and long lasting friendships were created!

SENIOR GIRLS

Sydni Baram
Yana Budnitcaia
Anna Chubakha
Mya Gerhardt
Tasia Gittens-Worrell
Samantha Hickey
Sarah Kleib
Carmen Reyes
Isabella Reyes
Gabriela Ruivo
Dunia Trilla
Cianna Turco
Paige Wilson
Ms. Bodnar, Coach
Mr. Kirkpatrick, Coach
Ms. Kirkpatrick, Coach

The Senior Girls team had a great season--showing commitment, sportsmanship and teamwork throughout. They competed in three tournaments, placing 3rd in the Red Deer Tournament, and 1st in both the JP and Ross Shep Tournaments, finishing the regular season with Silver in the Premier Division. The girls showed commitment, sportsmanship, and teamwork all season long.

BASKETBALL

JUNIOR GIRLS

Alyx Buchanan
Olivia Chan
Raunya Haymour
Maddy Kearns
Maya McDaniel-Paul
Iris Morrow
Hannah Roy Petersen
Brooke Rydel
Raheema Said
Jocelyn Spencer
Sophie St. Amour
Iyla Uretsky
Mr. Howat, Coach

The Junior Girls team had a fun-filled and successful season. They played in the very tough Premier Conference, and ended up finishing as the 4th best team in the city--a great accomplishment. Along the way, they were very successful in tournaments, making the semi-finals of the Westmount and Shauna May Seneca Tournaments, and winning the Hilwie Hamdon Tournament! With many players eligible to return, the girls are already looking forward to a great season next year!

SENIOR BOYS

Karol Bermundo
Evan Chan
Ty Fraser
Ryan Gerhardt
Owen Hickey
Nathan Lee
Abdi Musse
Noam Rosenblum
Najaash Said
Tristan Thompson
Ablaye Tine
Michael Yusypchuk
Mr. Gerhardt, Coach

The Senior Boys team had a fun-filled, exciting and successful year. The season started with a trip to Red Deer, and continued with the boys getting to the finals of both the JP and Ross Shep Tournaments. They finished the regular season in 2nd place, and advanced to the City Conference semi-finals where they lost a tough, close match. The team rebounded though, and was able to finish the season by winning the Bronze medal! Way to go Scorpions!

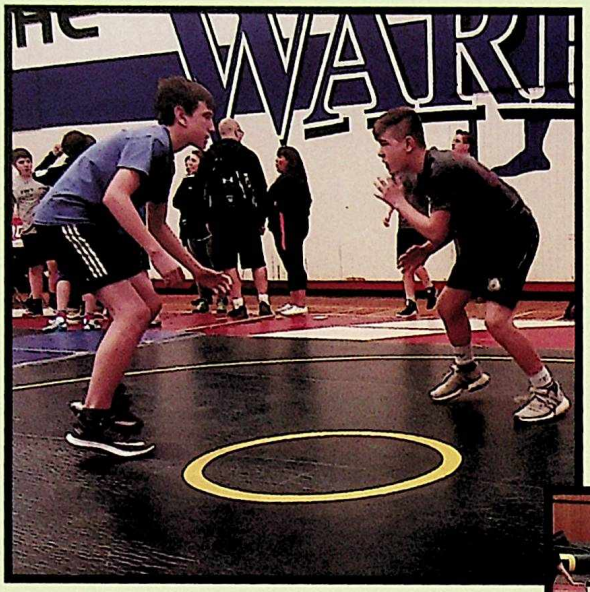
BASKETBALL

JUNIOR BOYS

Kristian Agustin
Keagan Anderson
Paul Chuang
Leland Duffett
Isaac Michaelchuk
Josh Nwosu
Kayden Rudniski
Badou Saidy
Theo Shipton
Oresti Smajli
Adam Talma
Zion Tuyishime
Mr. Howat, Coach

The Junior Boys team had an incredible season. They finished the regular season undefeated, and also took home two tournament championships, heading into the play-offs with a perfect 16-0 record! Unfortunately the boys lost a tough semi-final by two points, but still finished in 4th place--having and amazing season overall! The boys are looking forward to more success next year!

WRESTLING



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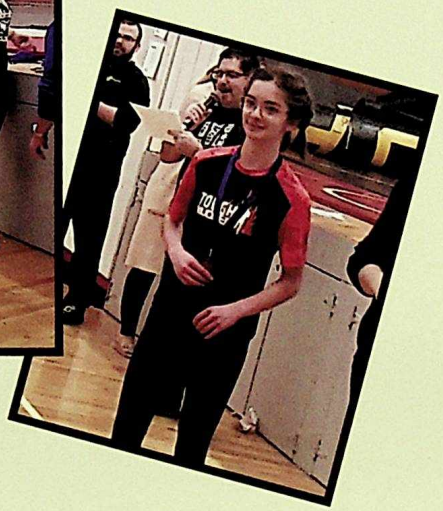
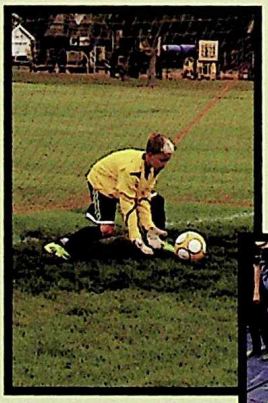
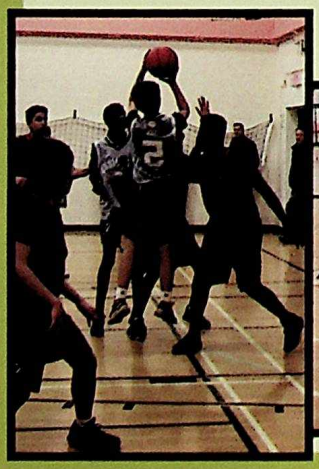
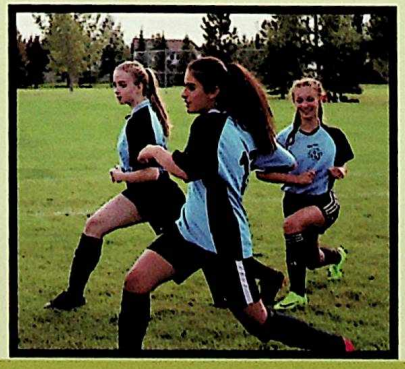


Although this year's wrestling team consisted of all new wrestlers, we had a great season. In February, we experienced several victories at the U of A Invitational Tournament, and ended our season with two Bronze, one Silver, and one Gold medal in the City Finals!!! Way to go SBS Scorpions!







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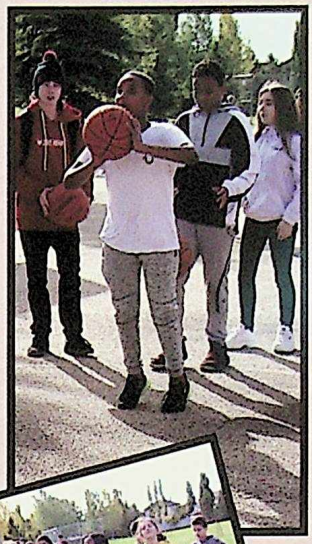

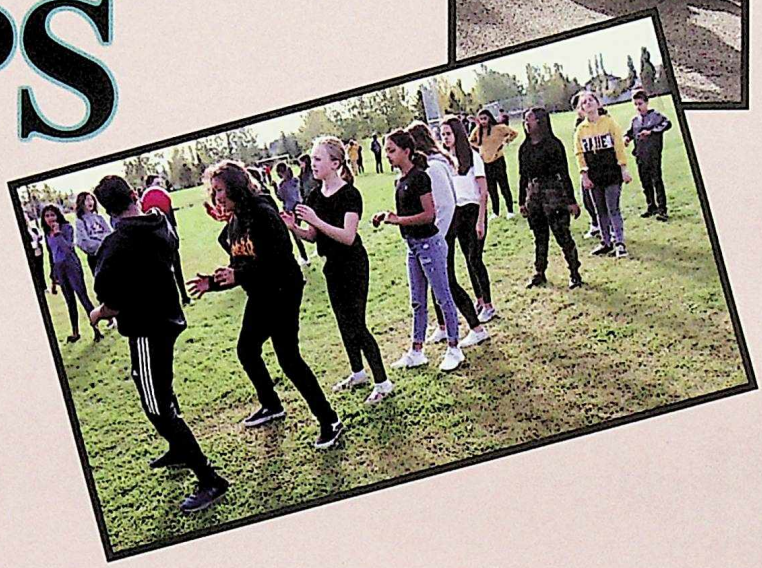

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Mrs. Shew

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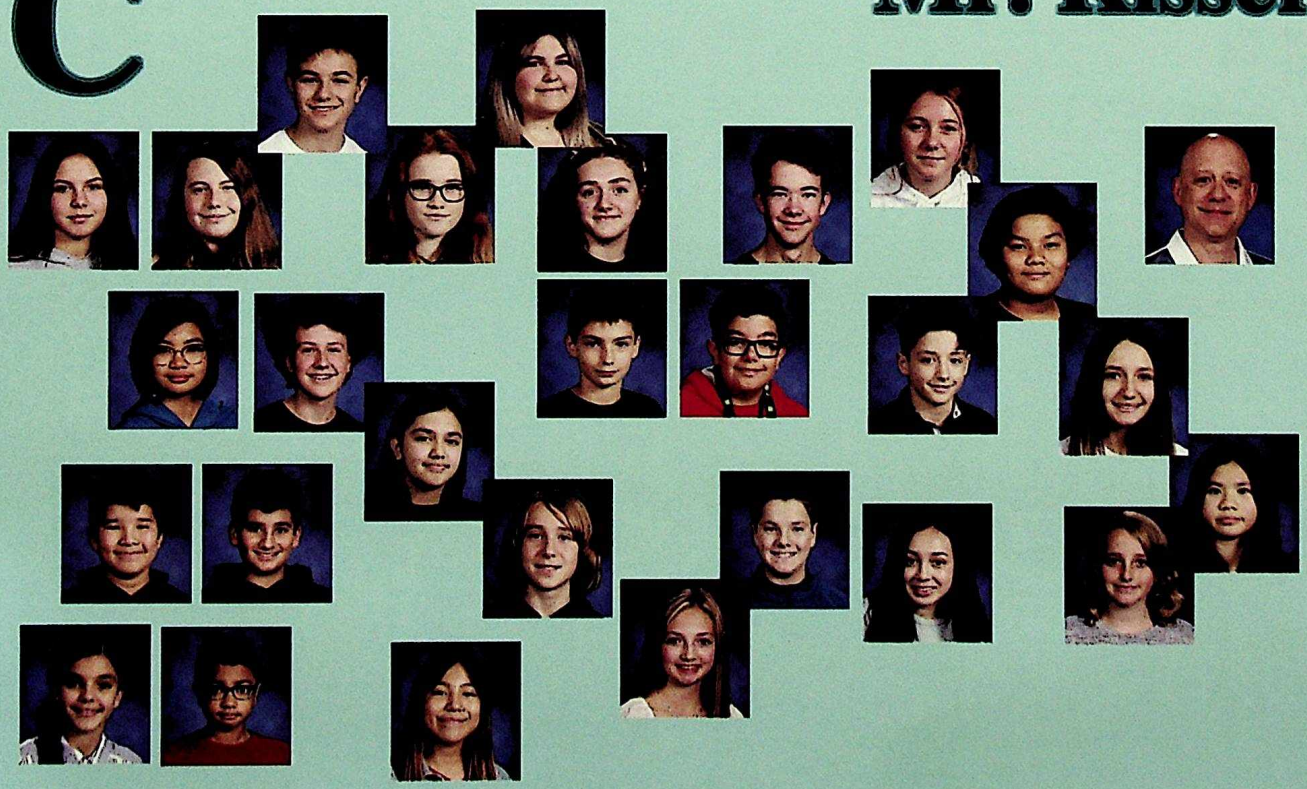
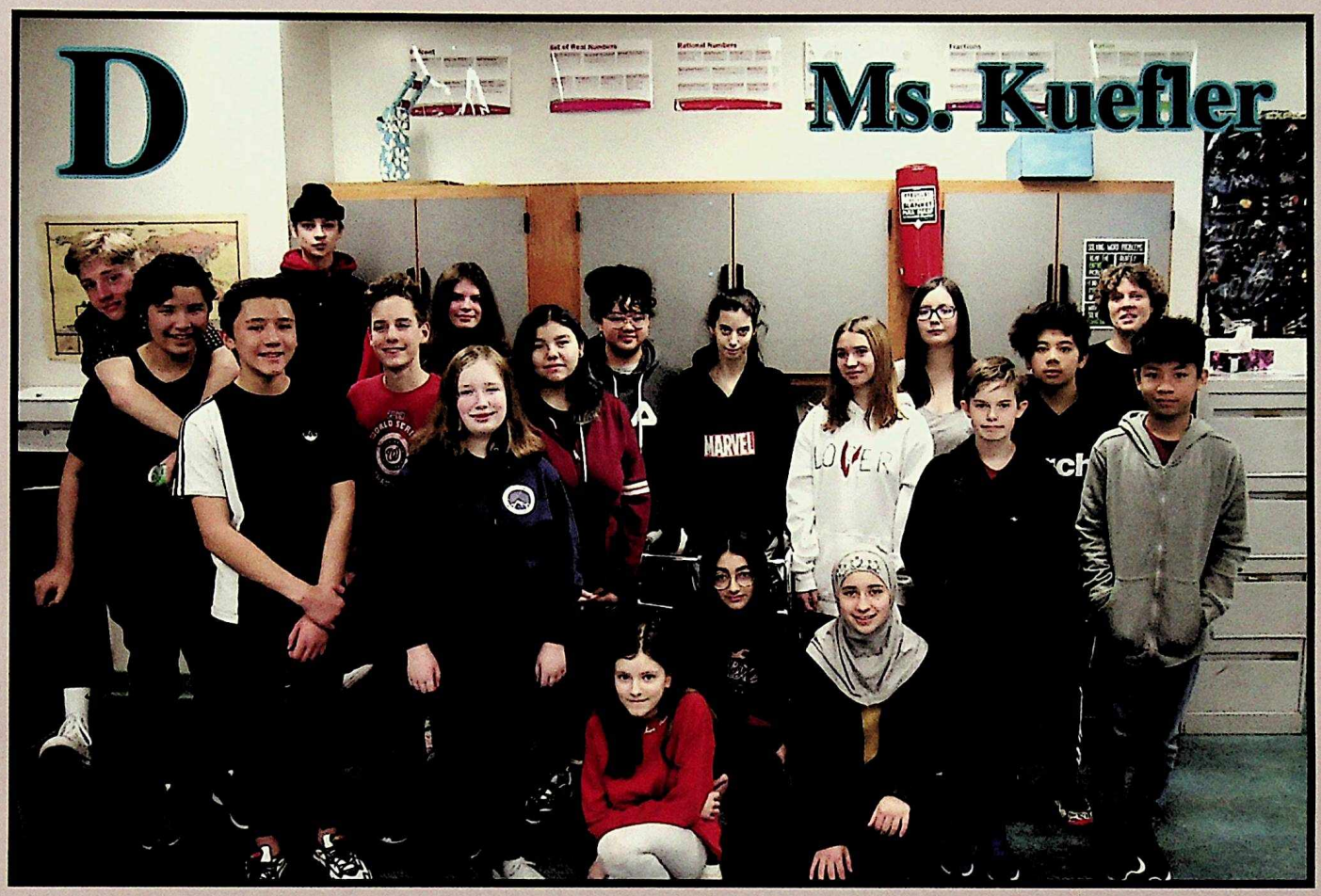
Mr. Kisser

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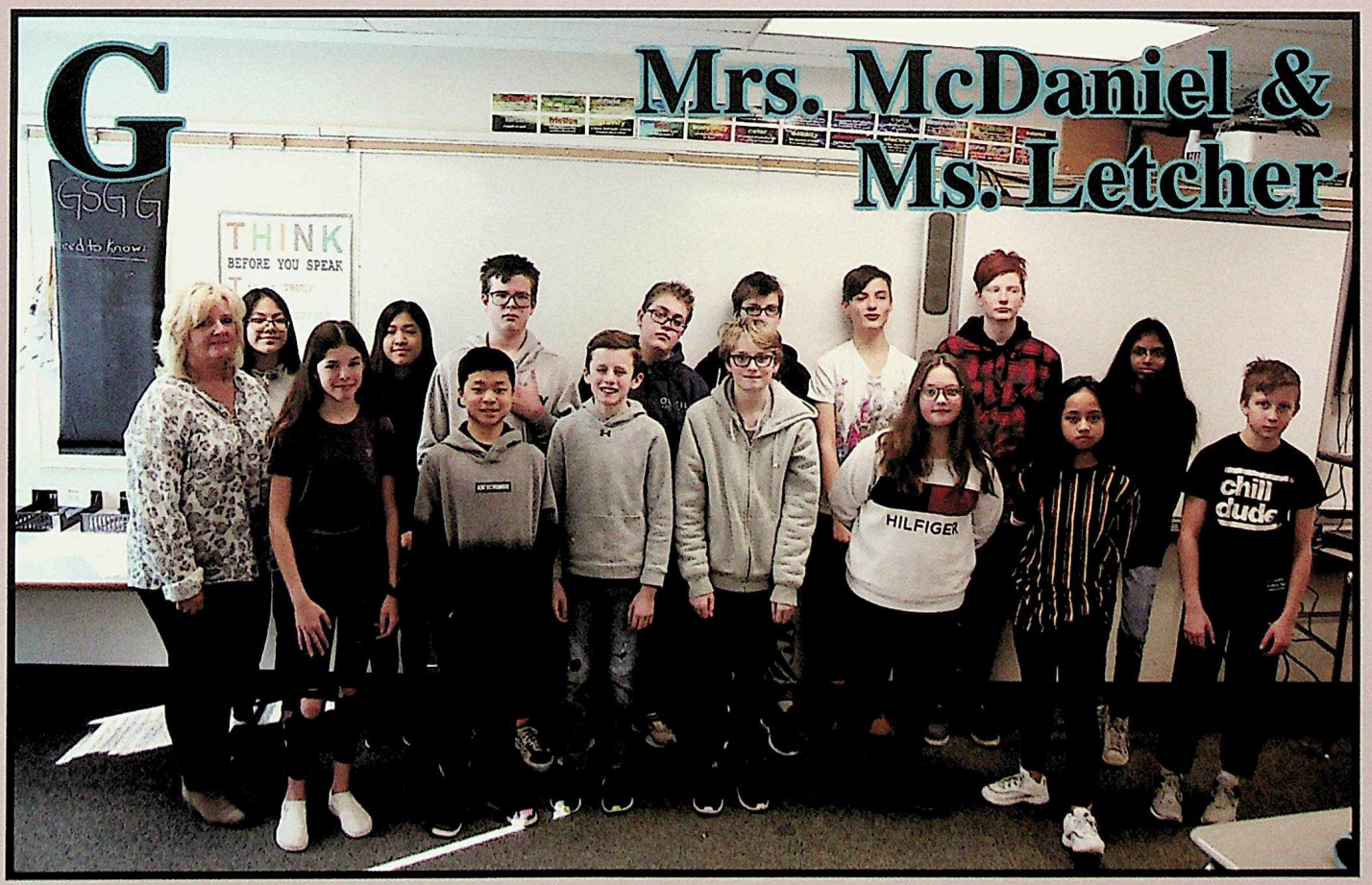
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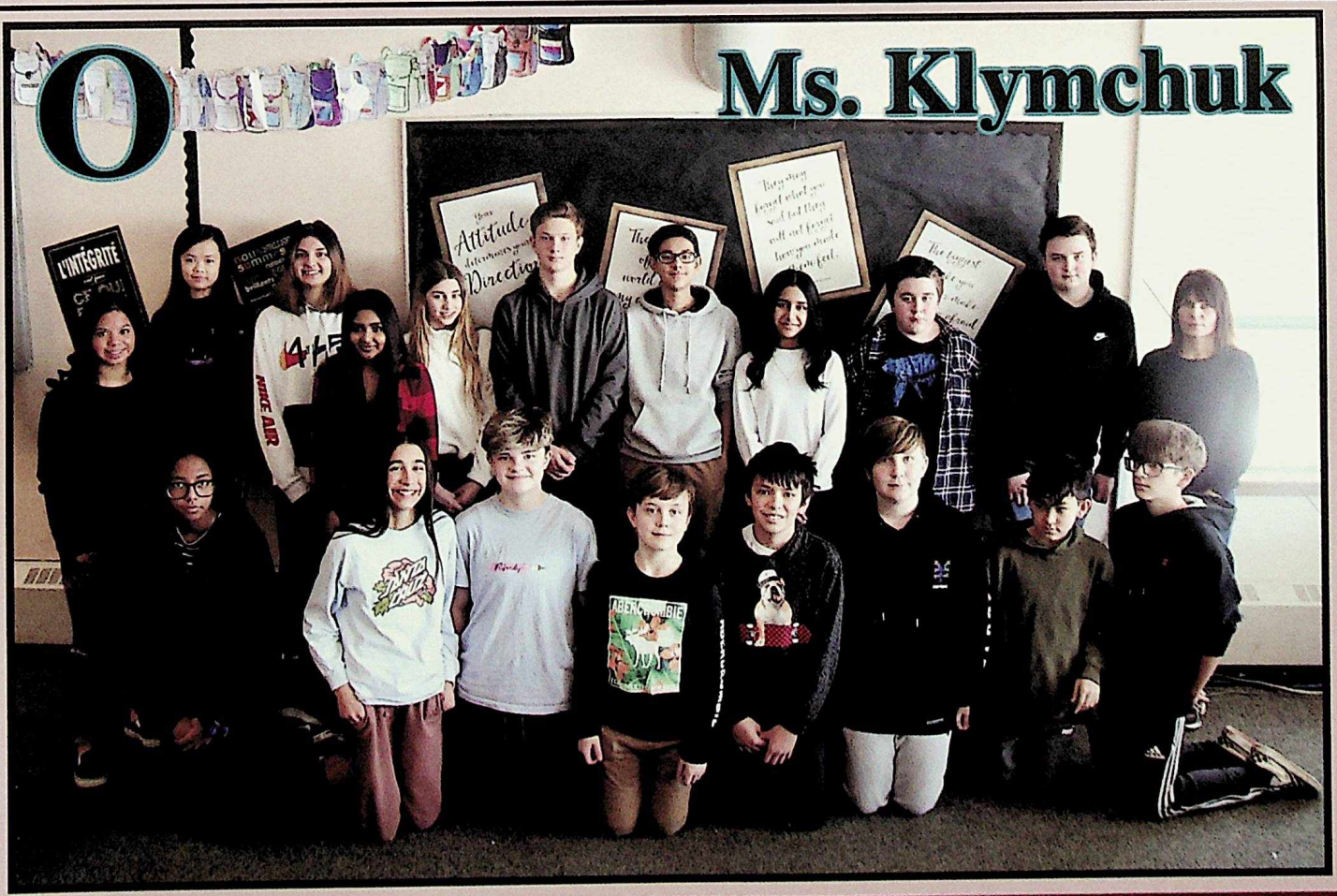

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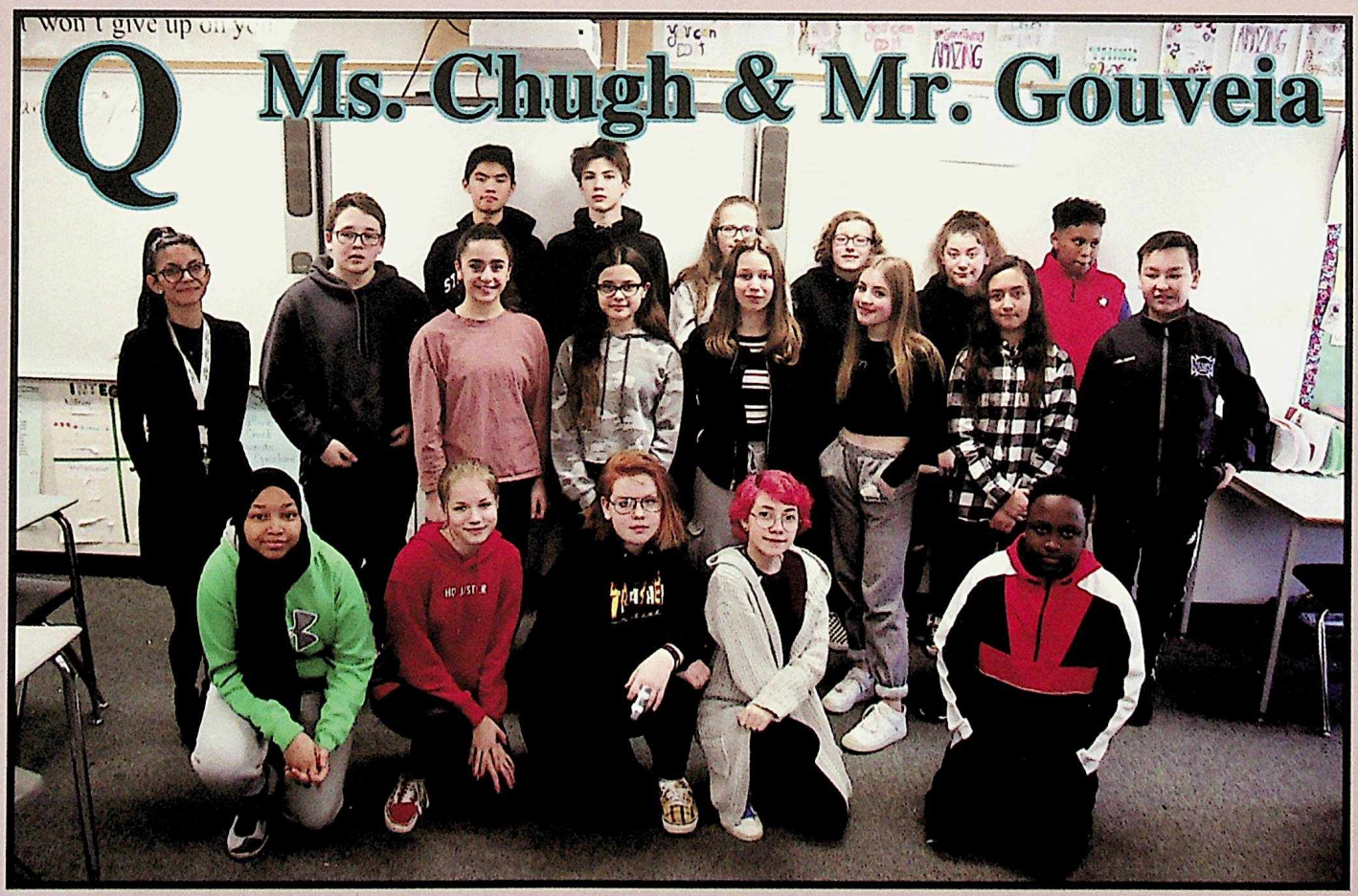
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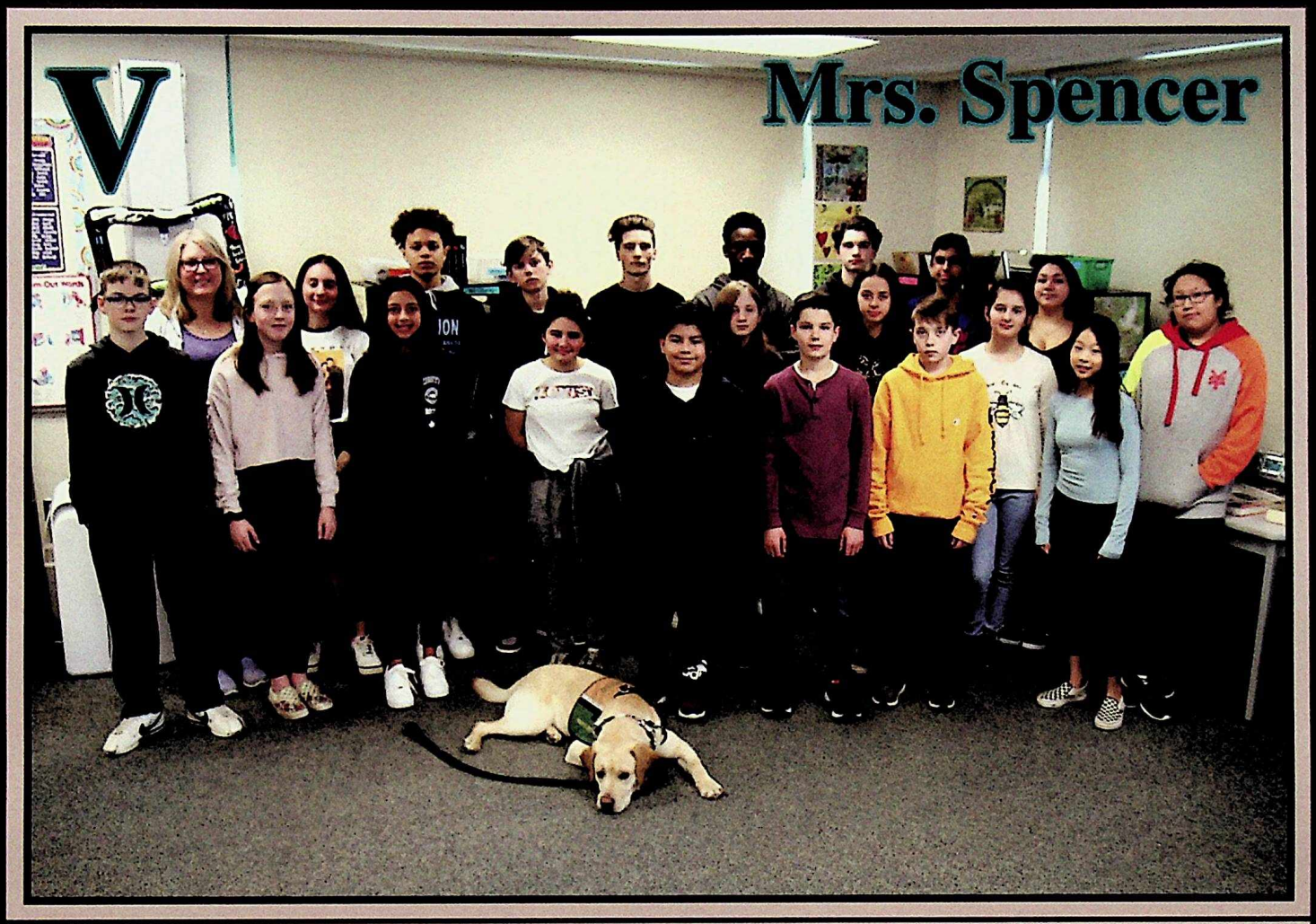
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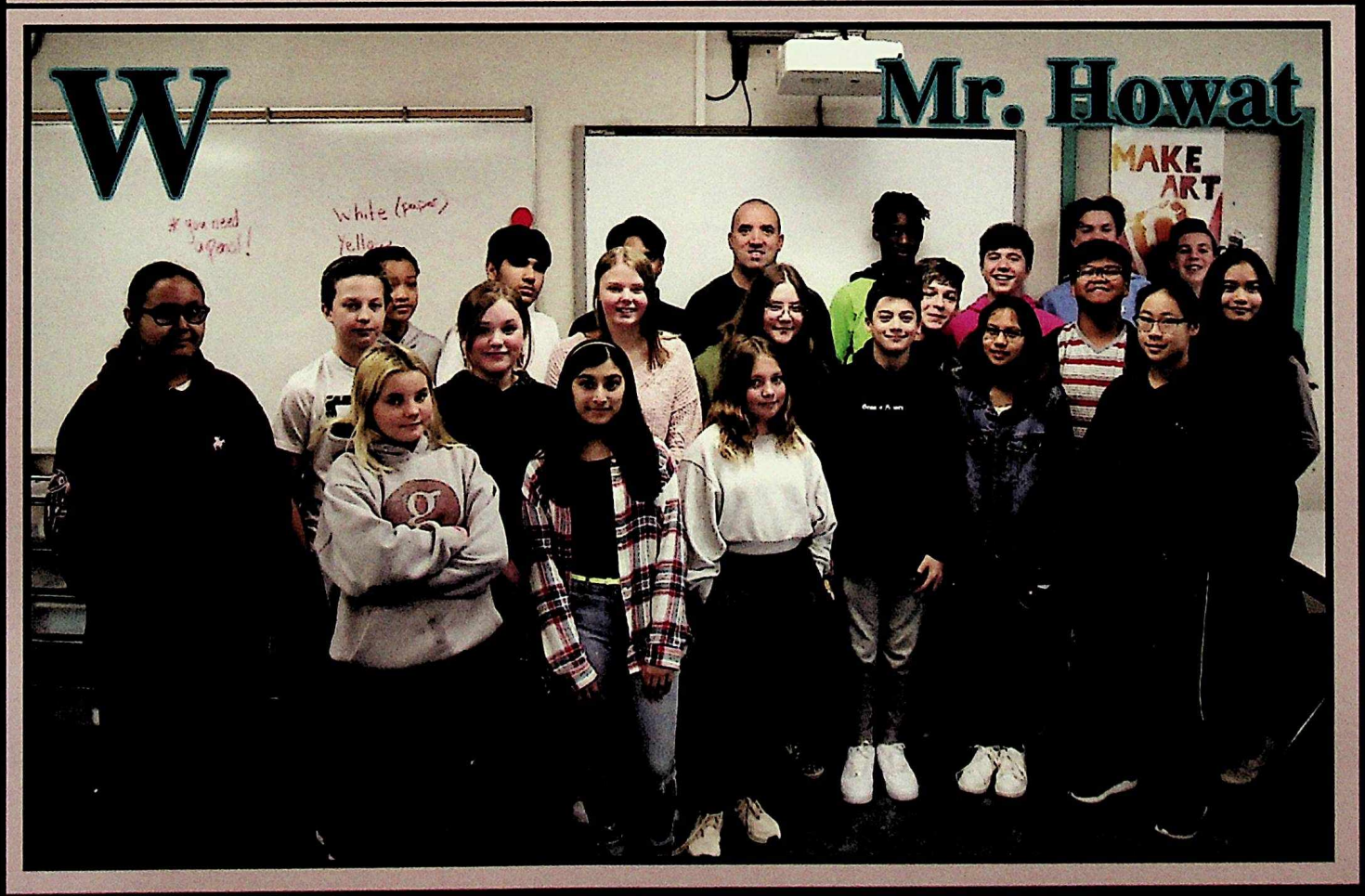
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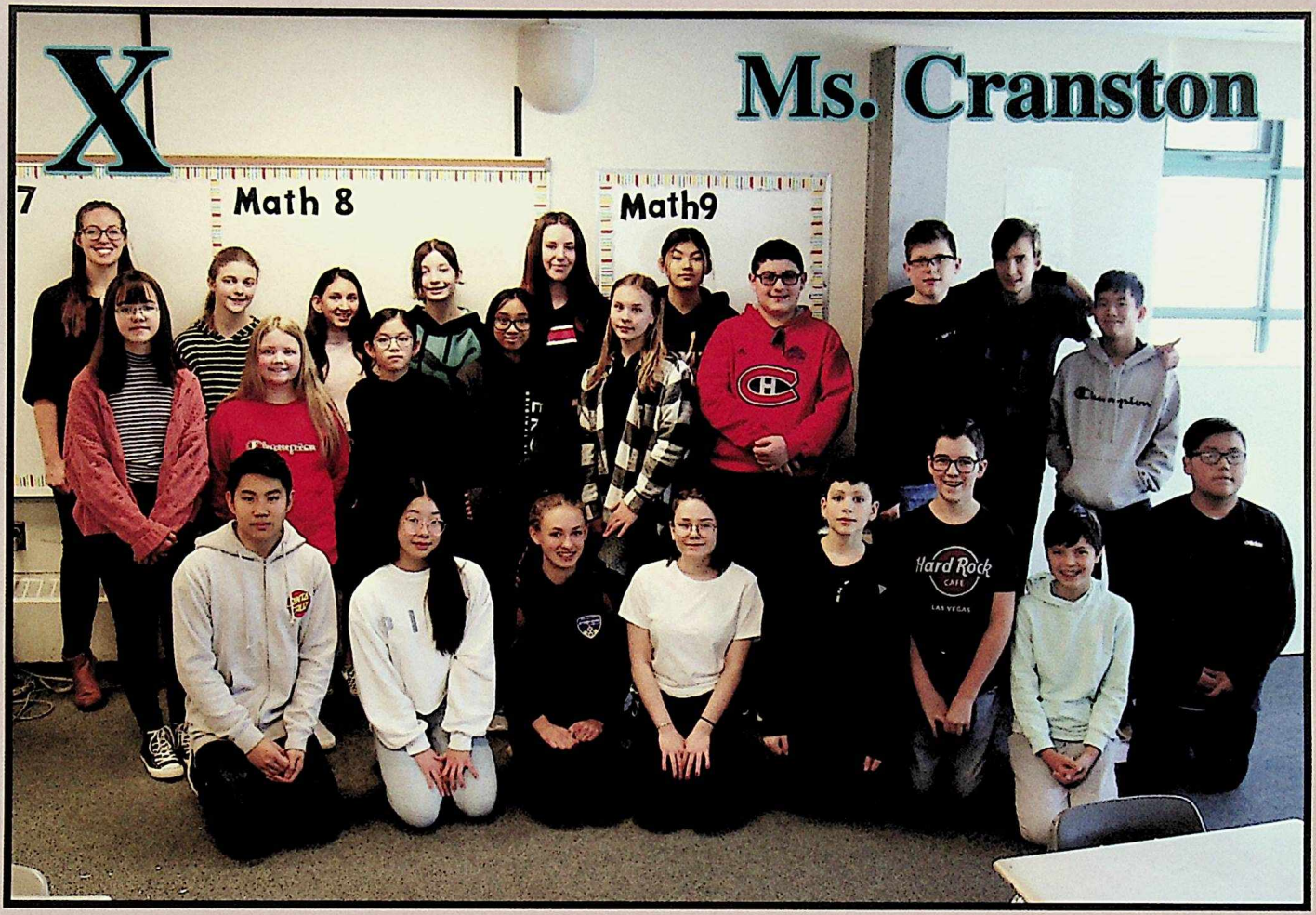

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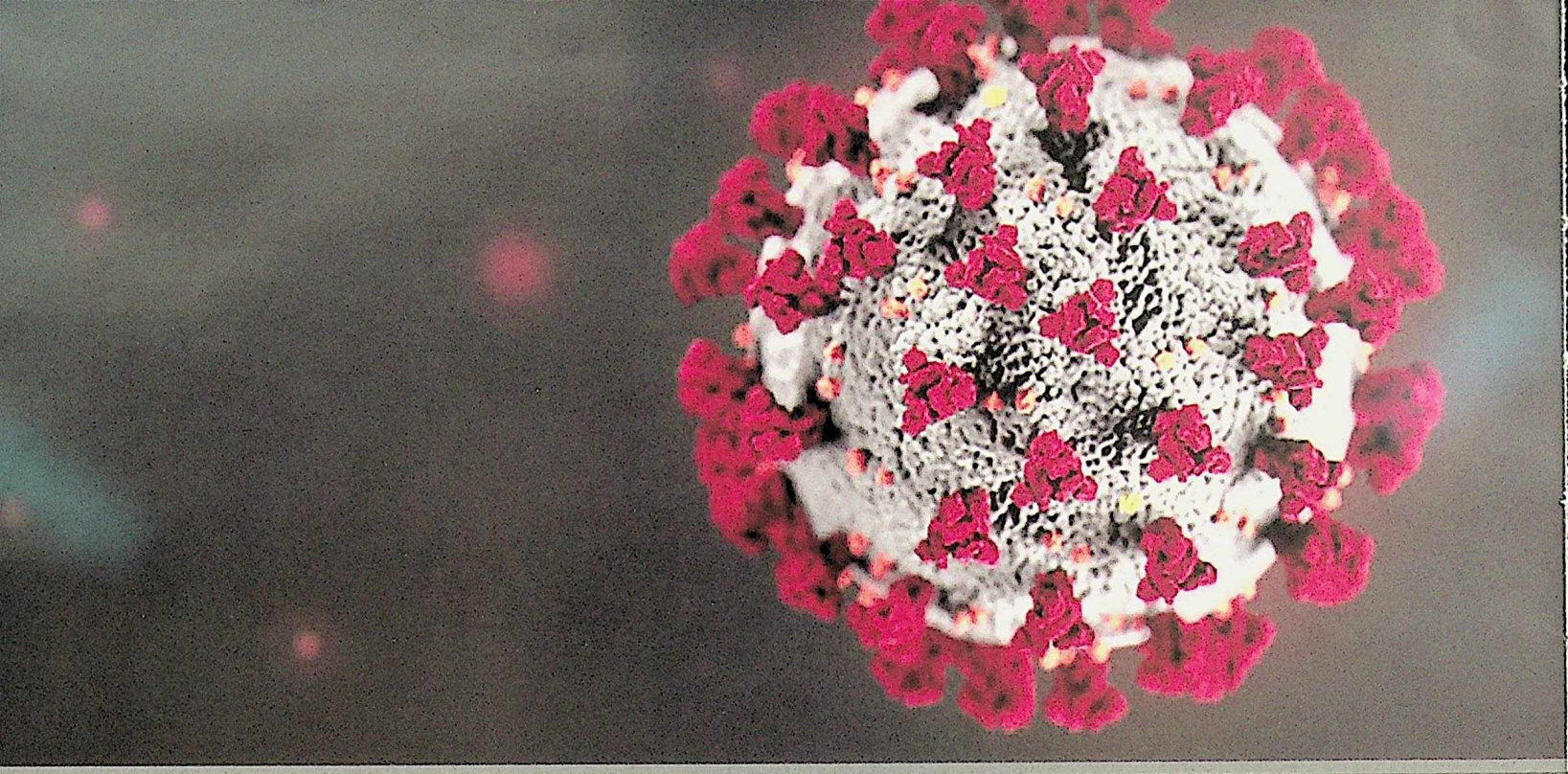

How COVID-19 changed our lives

Nov. 2019

A novel coronavirus was first identified in China's Hubei province. The disease it causes attacks the lungs and causes rapid onset of pneumonia in already immunocompromised patients.

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The first Canadian case was confirmed in Toronto after a man had returned to the country from travelling in China. The illness rapidly spread across the globe, endangering mostly older adults and those with underlying and chronic health conditions, including lung disease, heart disease and diabetes.

The World Health Organization (WHO) names the virus SARS-CoV-2 (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2) and the disease it causes COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019). Worldwide death toll is 1,107.

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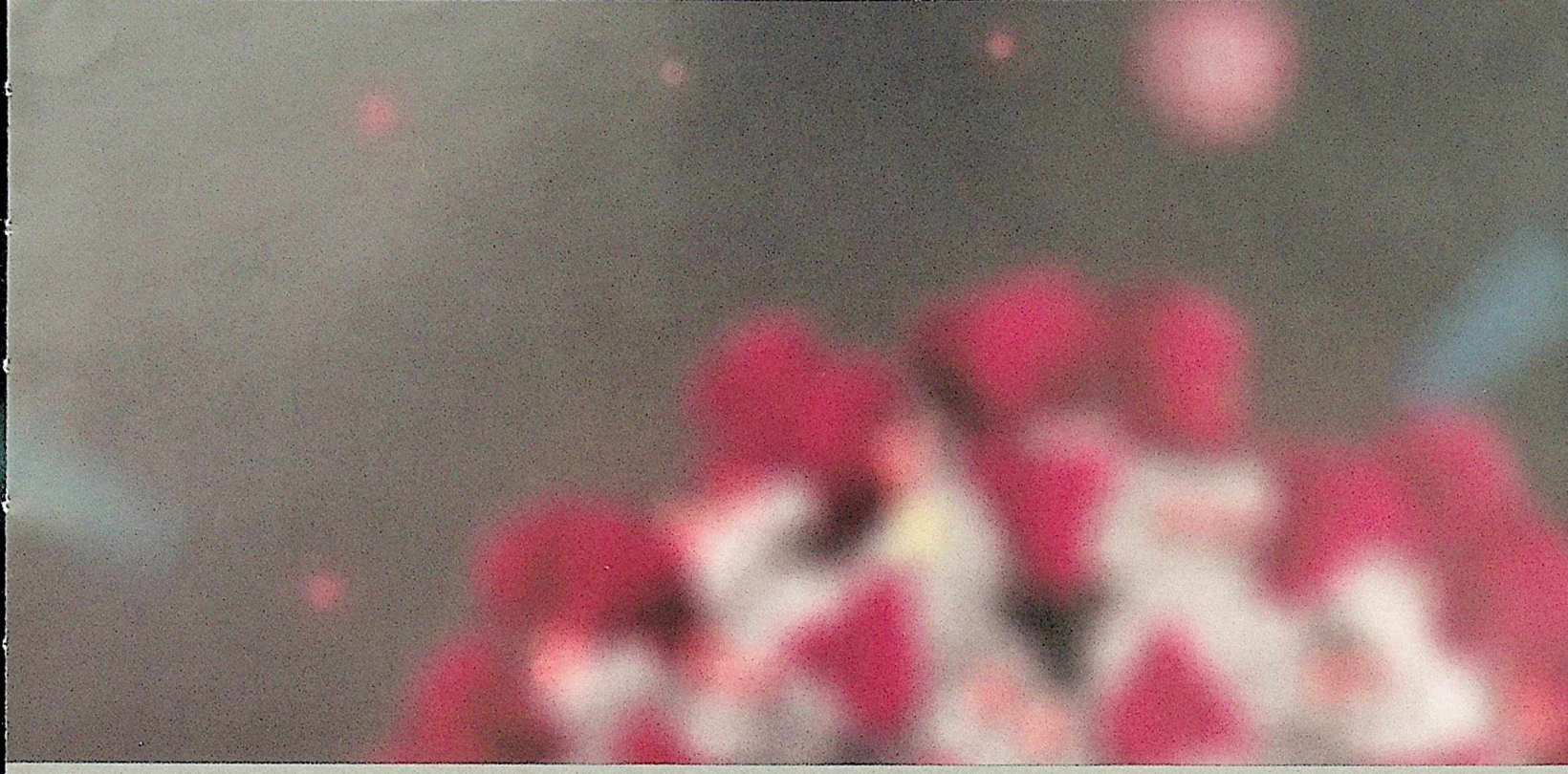
February 29

First US COVID-19 death

1 new case in Mexico

3 new cases in United States

5 new cases in Canada



March

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Canada had 118 cases. United States had 1,267 cases. Italy had more than 12,000 cases.

The WHO declared SARS-CoV-2 a pandemic, which meant the 118,000 cases and more than 4,000 deaths worldwide required more specific and targeted attention and resources.

To slow the virus's spread, the US suspended European travel for 30 days.

12 Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and wife Sophie Grégoire Trudeau self-isolated after she experienced symptoms. He was cleared, but she had the virus.

16 US states closed schools to reduce spread of the virus:

Alabama	West Virginia	New Mexico
Wisconsin	Illinois	Oregon
Maryland	Pennsylvania	Virginia
Ohio	Louisiana	Utah
Kentucky	Rhode Island	
Washington	Michigan	

US declared a national state of emergency.

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-The US reported 2,816 confirmed cases and 58 deaths.
-Fifteen states activated National Guard troops to assist with virus-related concerns, including regulating the flow of medical supplies, food and shelter.
-Canadian provinces canceled schools as the numbers of infected rose.

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Canada reported 341 cases.
More cases were reported outside mainland China than inside it for the first time in the history of the disease.
The largest school district in the US, NYC Public Schools, closed.
The CDC suggested a community ban on all gatherings of more than 50 people for at least eight weeks.

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Provinces, states and cities continued to implement strict measures to slow the spread of the virus. The movement, called "flatten the curve" prompted entertainment, bar and restaurant closures across the US and Canada. By Monday, all NBA, PGA, MLB, MLS, NASCAR, NHL, and NCAA sporting events were either canceled or put on hold for two or more weeks. Some especially hard hit areas, including seven counties in California, put a three-week-long "Shelter in Place" home restriction on citizens, requiring they leave their homes only for essential needs. Workers in essential services (emergency and medical, banks, grocery, pharmacy and food service) were exempted from the restriction, so they could work.

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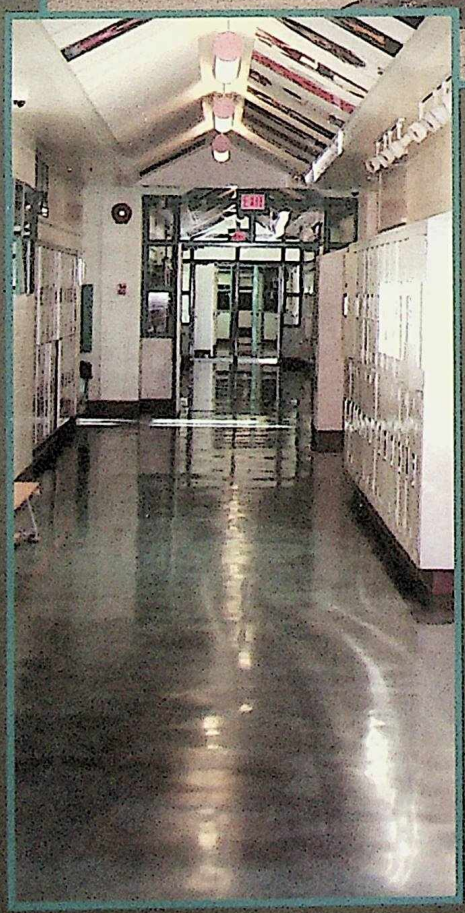
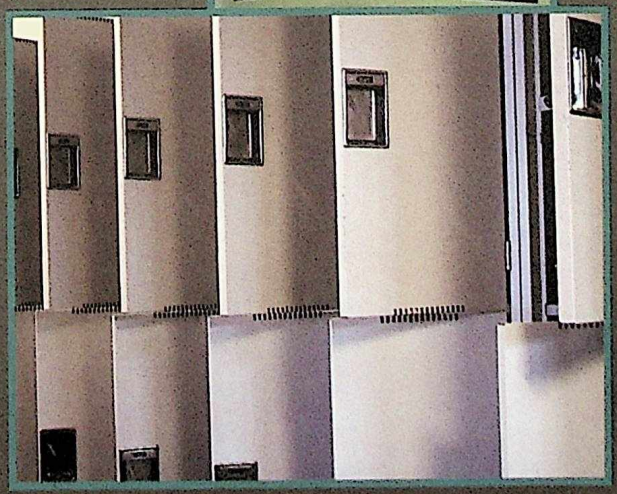
17 St. Patrick's Day Celebrations were canceled (even in Ireland). Nonessential services (salons, movie theaters, shopping malls, etc.) were closed for 30+ days in many states. The Canadian-US border was closed to travel (but not trade) in a mutual agreement.

All information gathered Mar. 13-17 from CDC.gov, WHO.int, APnews.org, CNN.org, LATimes.com, CBC.ca

SIGNS *of the times...*





YOU
ARE THE
CHAMPIONS!
DELIVERY

APPRECIATE YOU

PHYSICAL DISTANCING MARKER
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GOOD SHEPHERD
CATHOLIC CHURCH
COVID-19 UPDATE:
ALL EVENTS
AND MASSES
CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE

OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH
STAY SAFE & STAY CONNECTED
SUNDAYS... HYMN SING 10AM
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JOIN US ONLINE AT
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We're happy you're here
Please do your part to keep everyone safe:
6ft/2m
Keep a safe distance
Cover your sneeze
Wash and/or sanitize hands often
Stay home if you don't feel well
Be smart. Stand apart.

THANK YOU!

COMMUNITY
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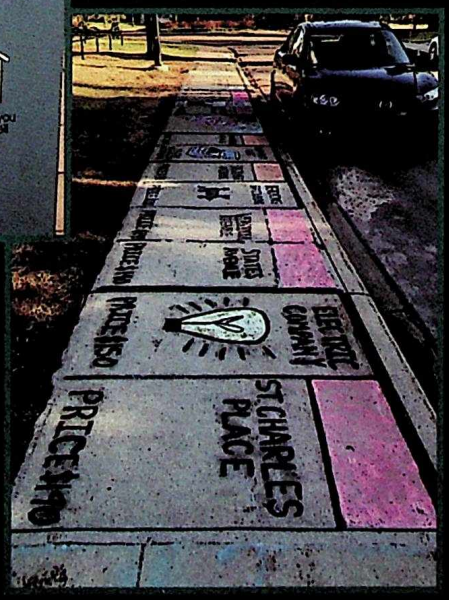
FOLLOW
INSTRUCTIONS
ON TOP CARD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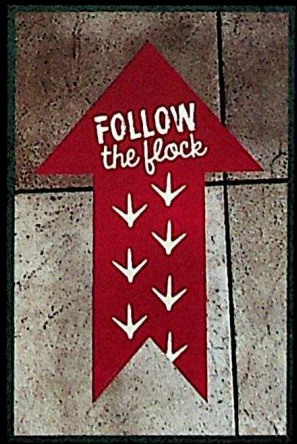
FOLLOW
the flock

This is a place of Learning...
SBS
STUDENTS

S. BRUCE SMITH
WE MISS YOU!

together.

SCORPIONS BASKETBALL
To Be

Kind

WE
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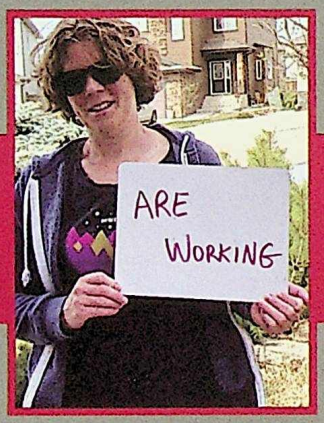
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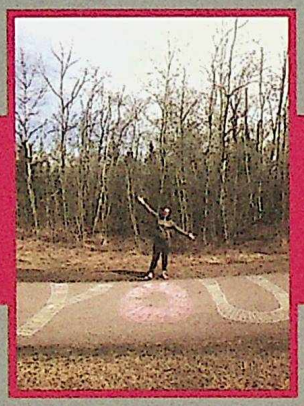

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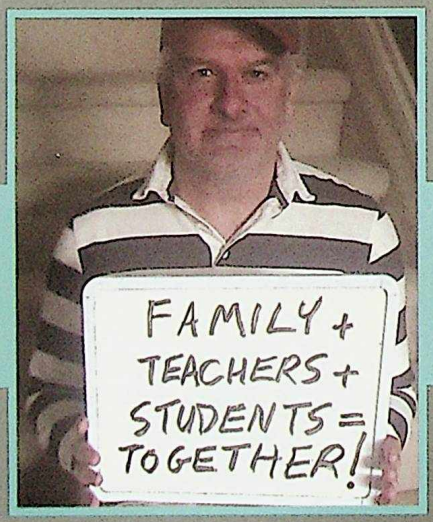
FAMILY +
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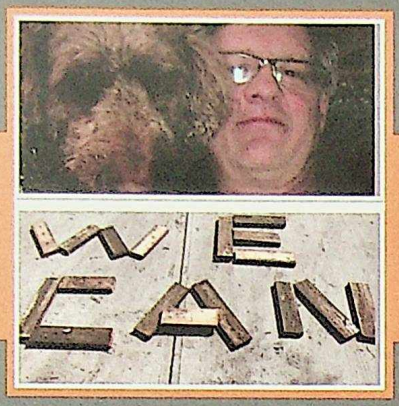
TOGETHER!

Keep Singing
on the sunny
side of town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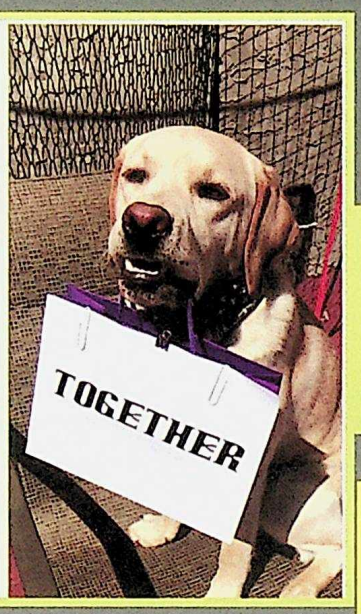
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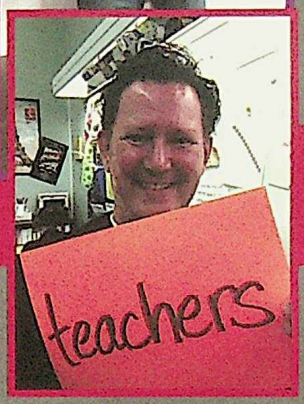
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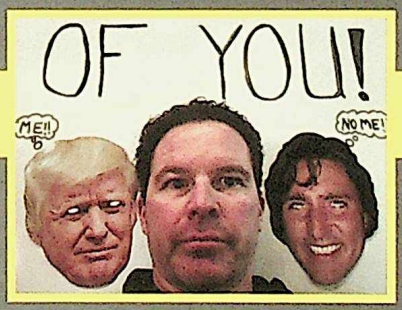
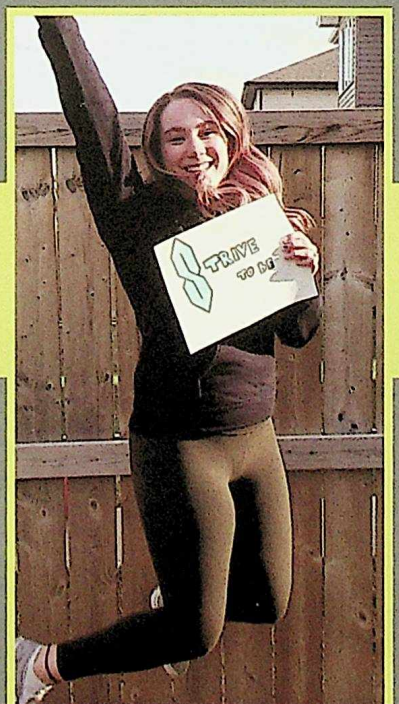

OF YOU!
ME!!
NO ME!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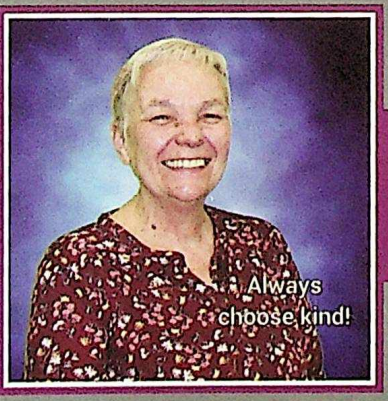
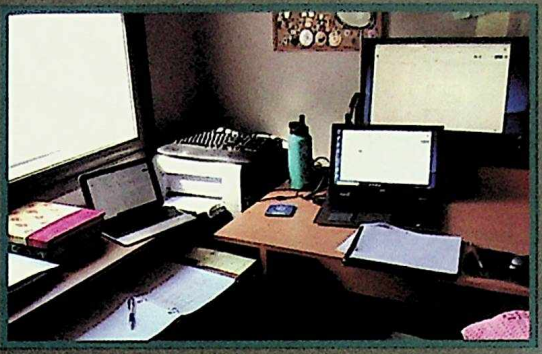
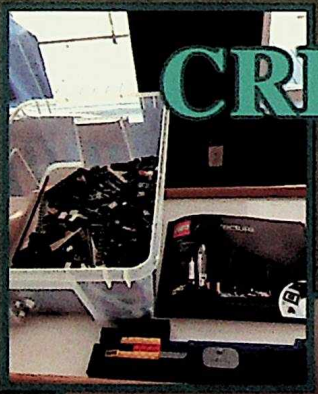

Always
choose kind!

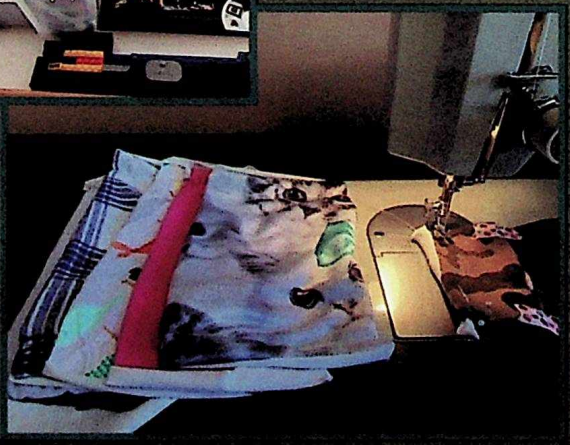
SCHOOL @ home

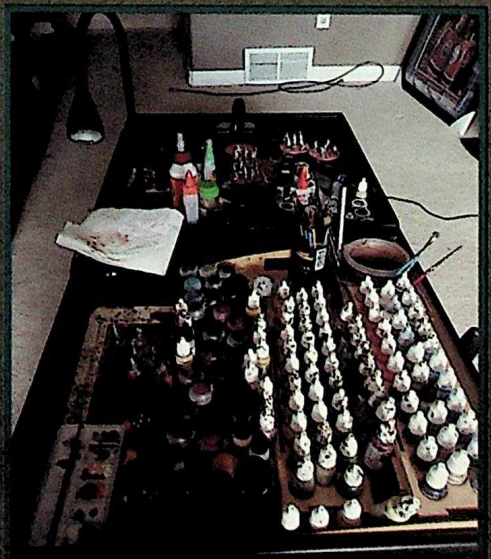


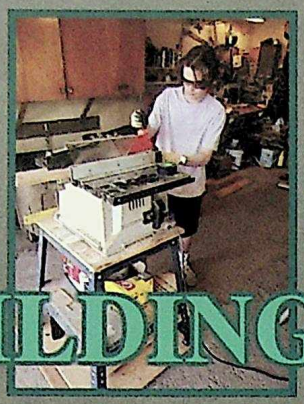
DOING HOMEWORK

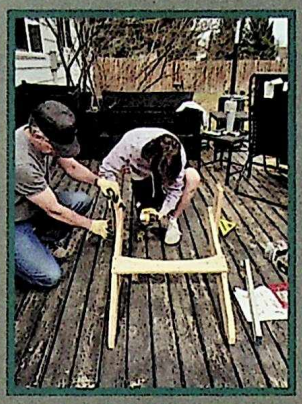
CREATING

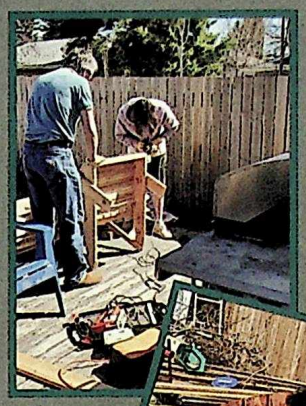


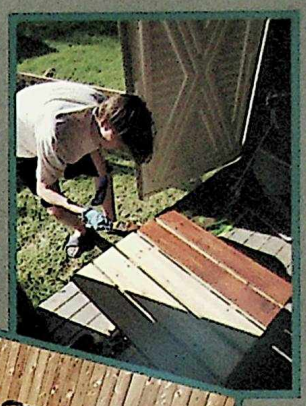












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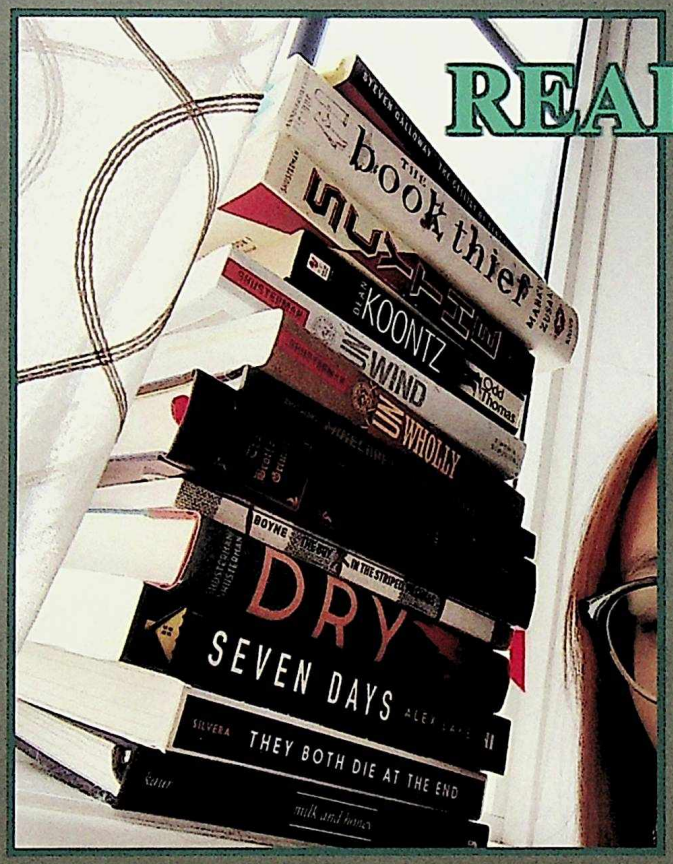

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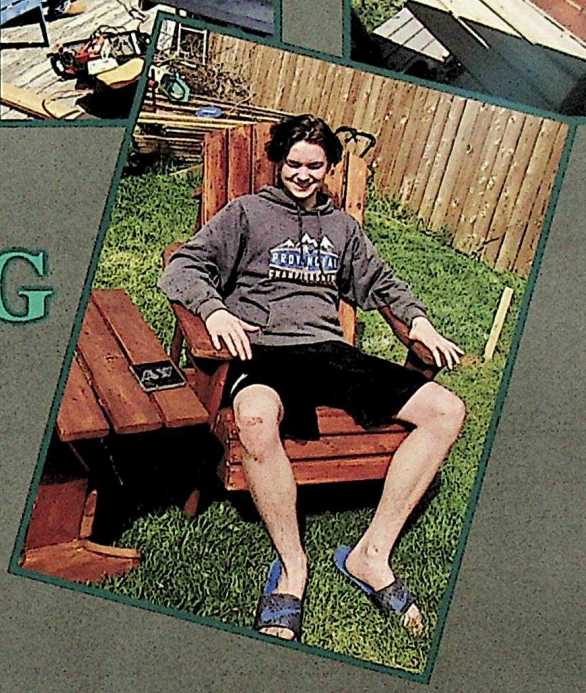

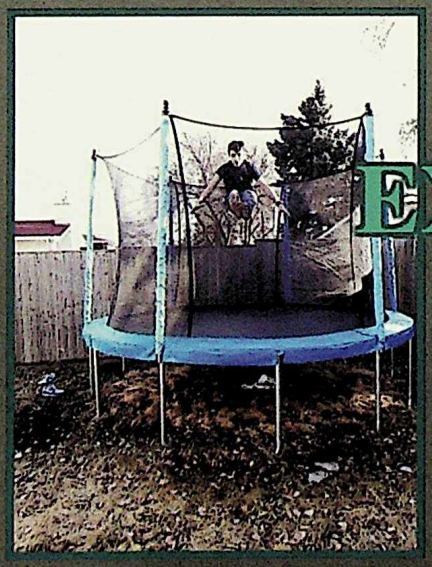

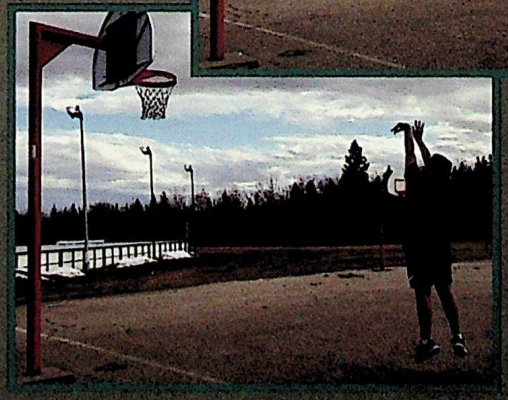

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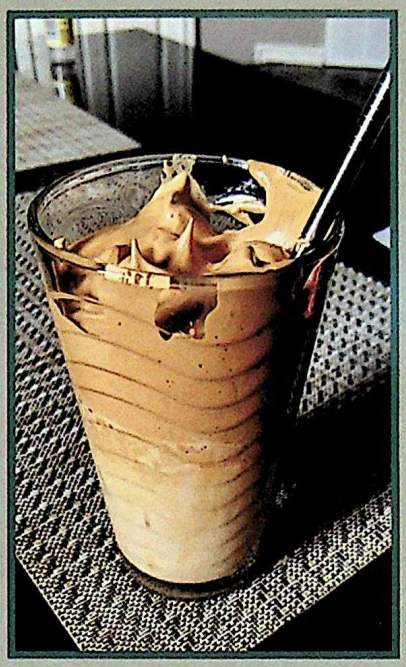

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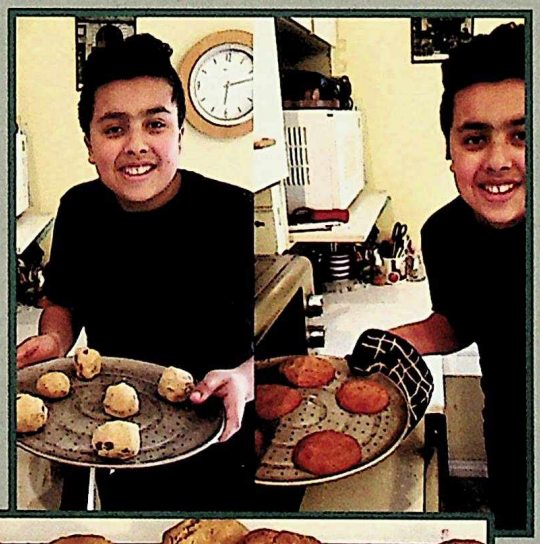
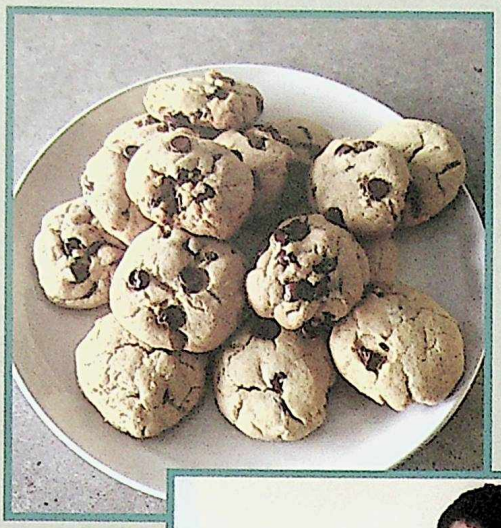
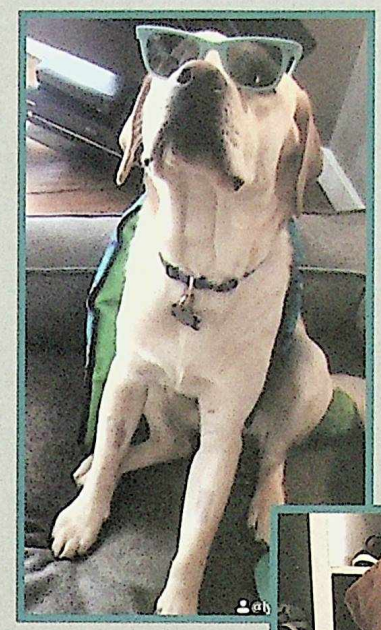
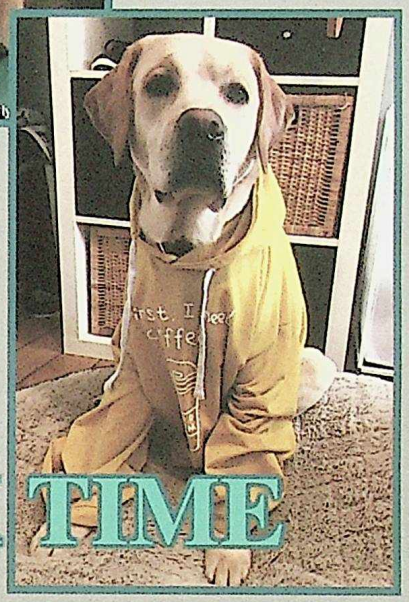




APR. 26, 2020
Peanut butter cookies





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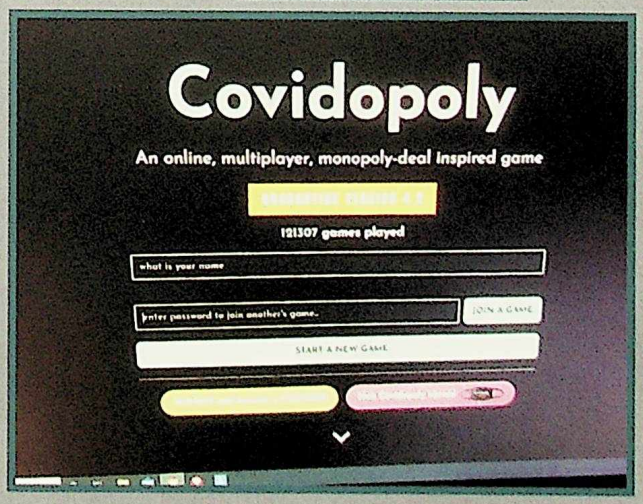
Covidopoly
An online, multiplayer, monopoly-deal inspired game
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what is your name
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JOIN A GAME
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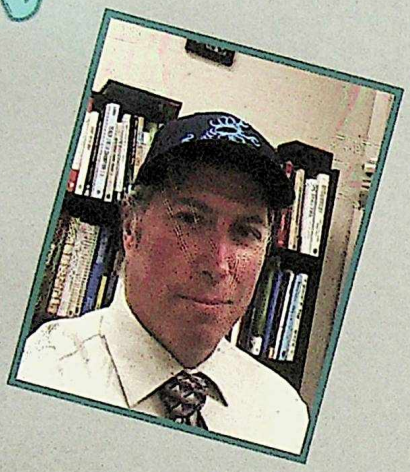
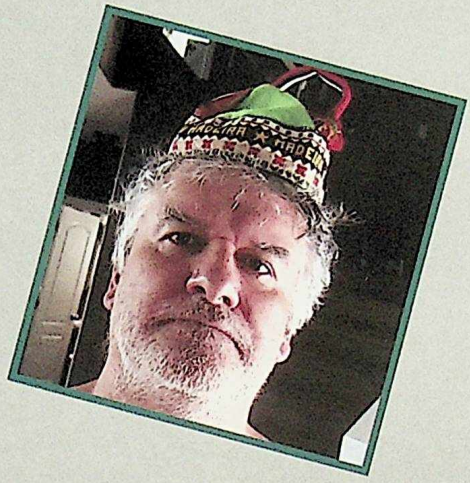
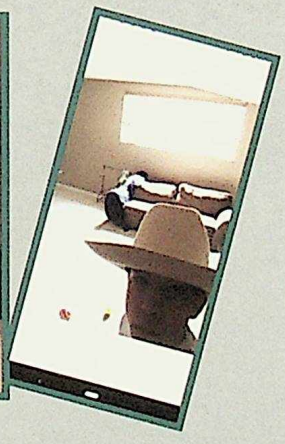
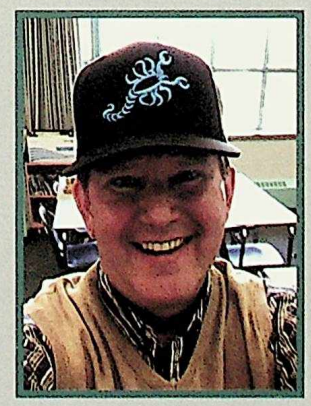
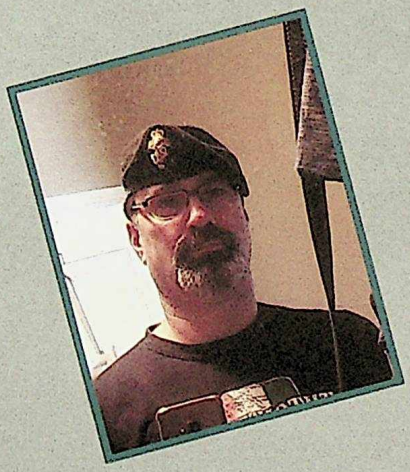
HATS ON
for mental health











COVID care hampers

SBS TAKES ON

#GettyArtChallenge

Classic & Modern Art

Can you match up the reimagined art with the original title?
Find the original works of art on the Internet!

THE CREATION OF ADAM - Michelangelo

INTO THE FRAY - Taylor

DOGS PLAYING POKER - Coolidge

LITTLE DANCER - Luniak

GIRL WITH THE PEARL EARRING - Vermeer

THE FOXES - Marc

THE COMEDIAN - Cattelan

THE OLD GUITARIST - Picasso

NAPOLEON CROSSING THE ALPS - David

A NOD TO GEORGIA O'KEEFE - Cruxio (via DeviantArt)

DANCER TAKING A BOW- Degas

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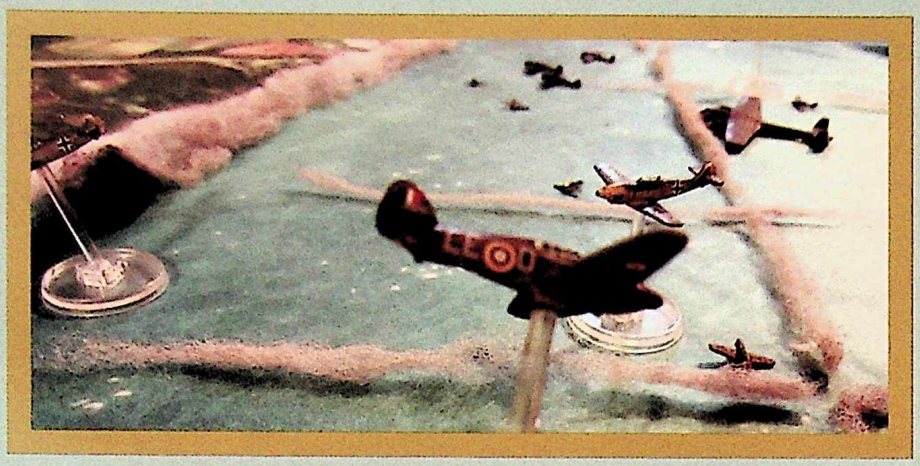

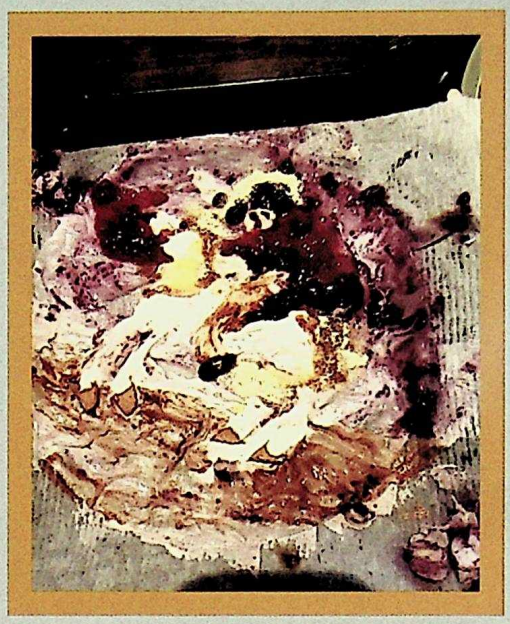

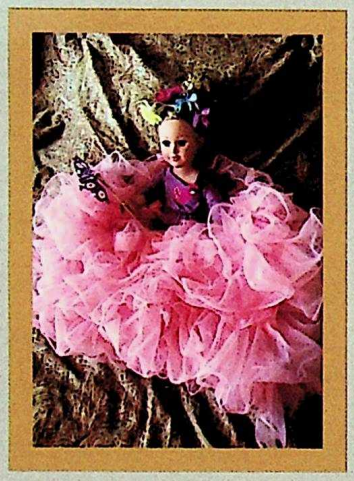

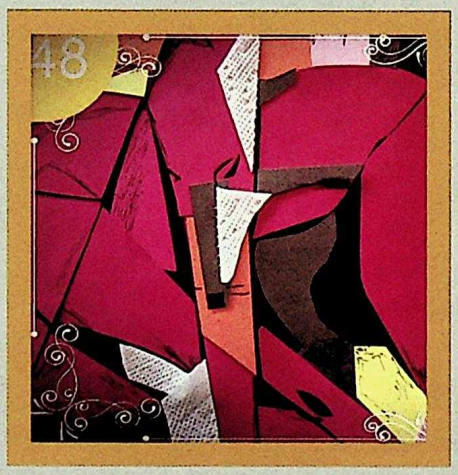

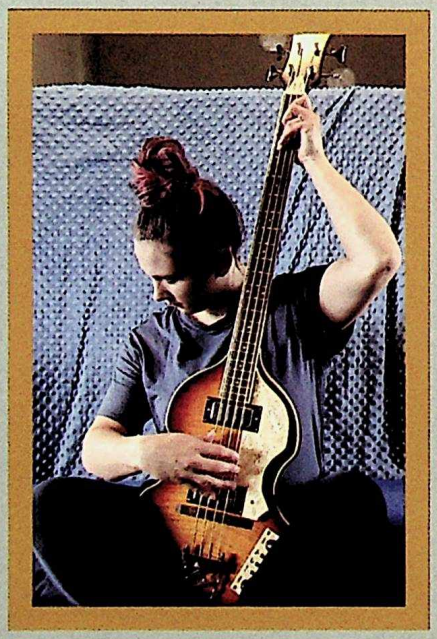

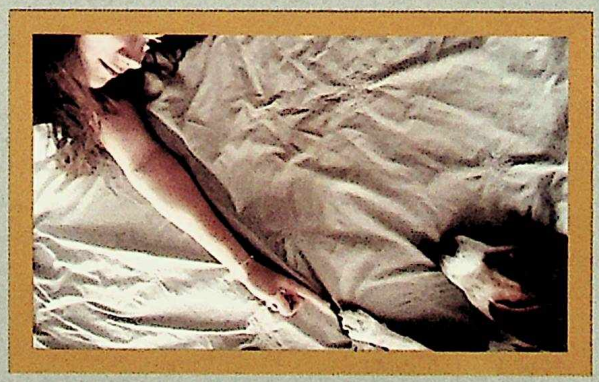

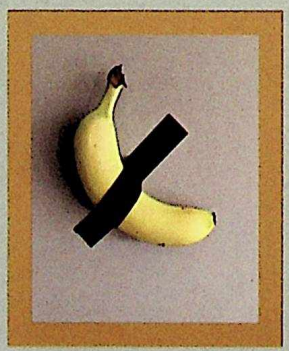

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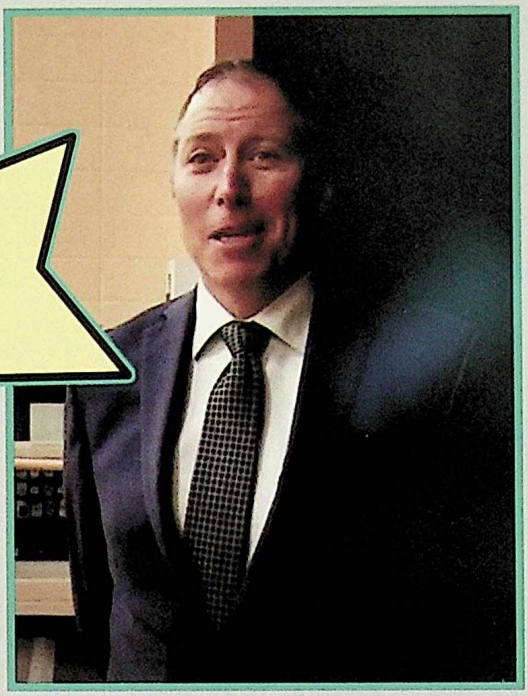

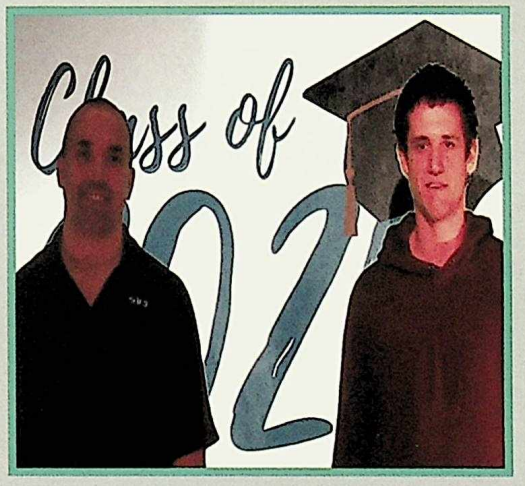

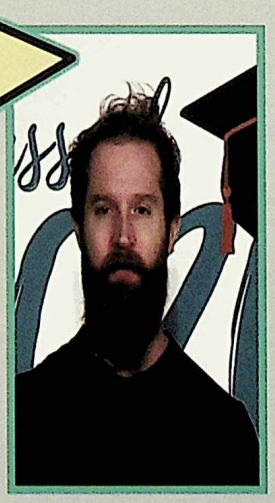

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Parent Council Message - Ms. Broda-Lakhram

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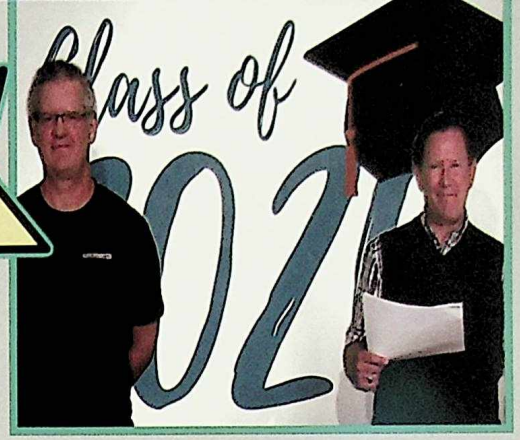

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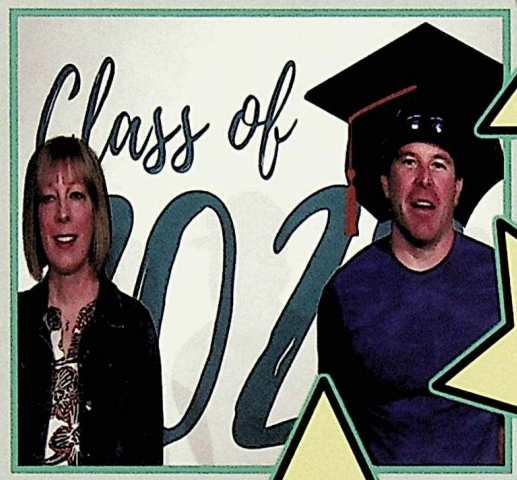

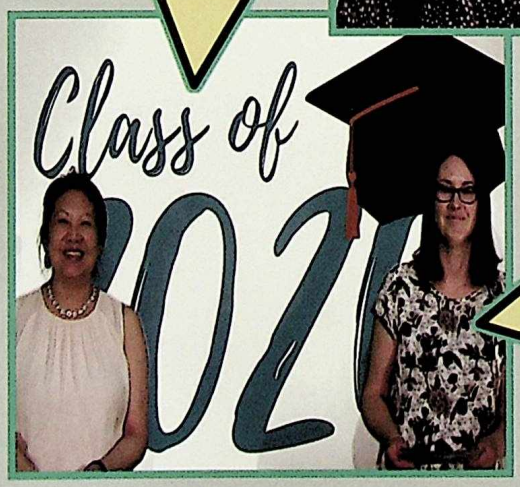

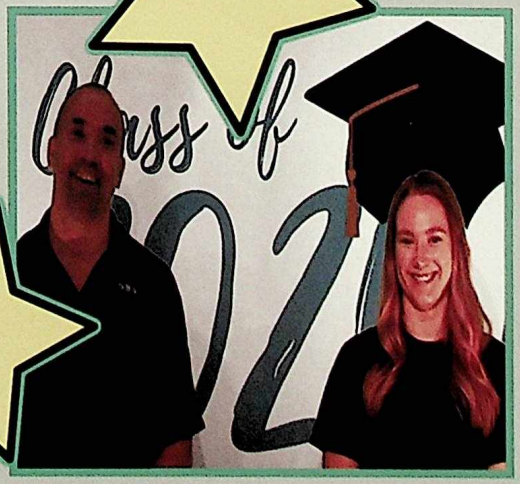

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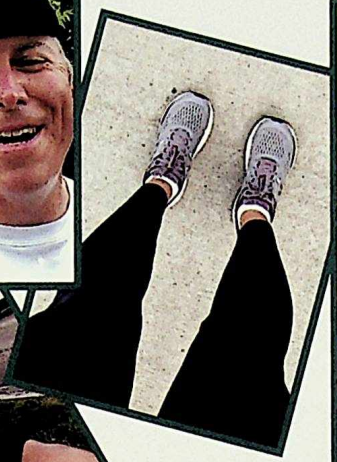

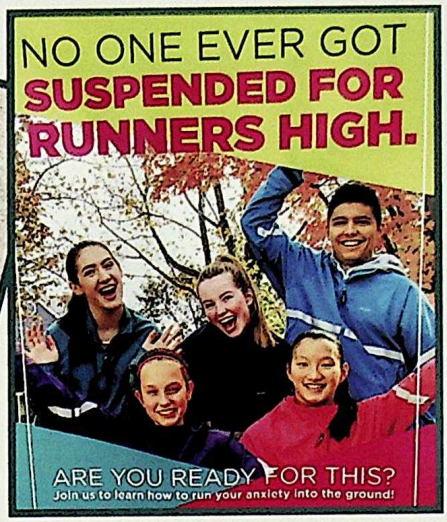

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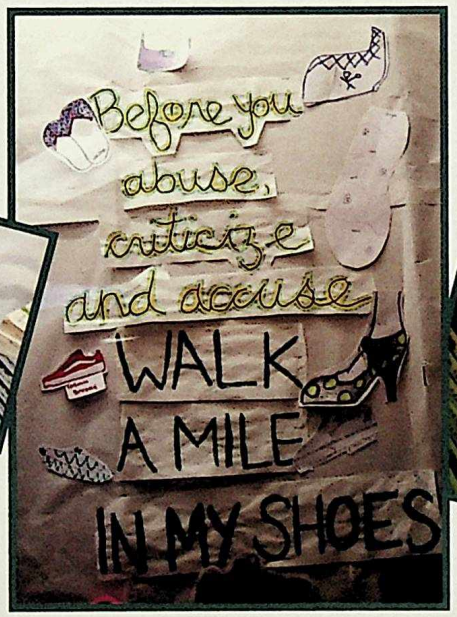
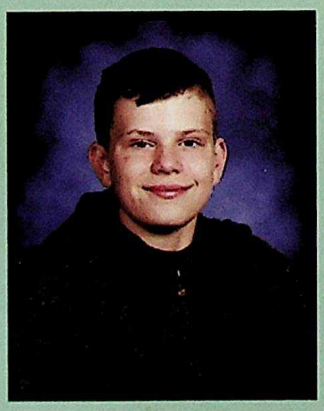
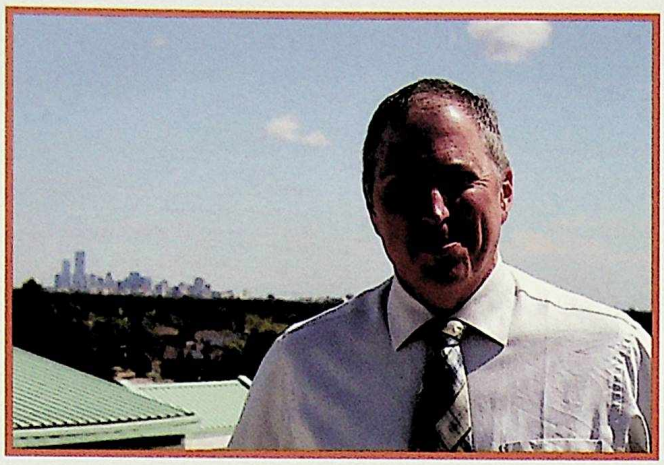




Congratulations to grade 8 student Harrison Gibbons who was a weekly winner of the **Always an Athlete** program organized by EPSB athletics. Three times a week workouts were posted for the kids to complete and then submit their names for draw. Harrison won a backpack and a water bottle!



It was March 7, 2020 when I sent my original principal's yearbook message to Mr. Stinson, and while it always feels a little strange to be writing something in March that won't be read until September, none of us could have anticipated how radically different our school experience would be in the remainder of the year. I started writing this revised update on June 7th - three months from that original writing - and almost three months since COVID 19 changed our world. In those months we've been asked to reframe how we think about school and, perhaps more importantly, how we think about the world. A yearbook, by its very nature, is an impetus for reflection and I hope that as you look at these pages and reflect on a year that what ultimately resonates is not the challenges we've faced, but the connections we've made.

I know I speak for our entire staff when I say that we were heartbroken not to be able to finish this journey with you in person, but I'm heartened by the fact that our school community connections have endured despite us not sharing the same daily space. Ultimately, I think there is a powerful lesson here for us all. While we will forever be connected through this building that brought us together, our learning is not about this space, so much as it is about the relationships we have fostered and that we nurture. I am immensely proud of the way our staff and students have come together in this truly unprecedented year, and I hope that the summer afforded you some time to reflect and think about your own next steps. Thank you for everything you have done to contribute to the memories and the relationships that are the heart of this book!

Mr. McKeown

The year 2020 marks my 13th anniversary of being an advisor for the SBS Yearbook. Not only has this experience given me the opportunity to meet and work with very talented students, it has enabled me to easily--and frequently-- relive past days when I worked on my school yearbook as a junior high student close to 50 years ago! At that time computers did not exist in homes and classrooms, so the photos we took were developed in a dark room, text was typed on typewriters, and both were *literally* cut and then pasted on big sheets of blue-lined graph paper using rubber cement that had an unmistakeable odor! Putting the book together took far more time and, unlike today, it was difficult to get an accurate idea of how the book would turn out!

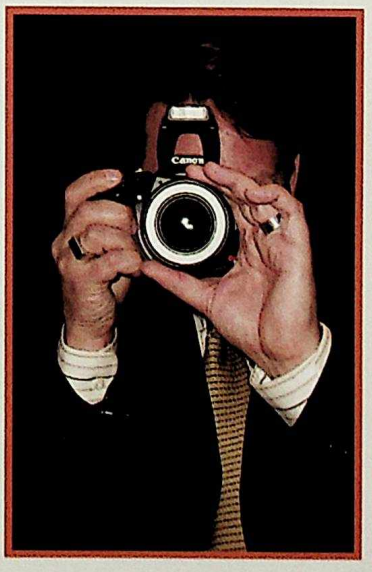
Although many aspects of creating a yearbook has changed over time, what has remained the same is many dedicated people who are needed to make it happen.

A project like this takes the effort of many photographers, page designers, picture curators, writers, layout artists and proofreaders. I am grateful to the individual students on our staff this year--and in the past--who have contributed in a variety of ways.

I'd like to thank the people who, after the school closed in March, continued to share their time and talent--Sadie Toore, Ashley Buchanan, Amy Shlomovitch, Mr. Rogers, Ms. Dootjes, Ms. Shilaeff, Mrs. Sonnenberg and Mr. Johnson. Also, a big thank you to those students and parents and guardians who sent photos of how their lives have been while learning at home during this most unusual time in history.

As this is my final yearbook for S. Bruce Smith, I know I will miss the experiences of working as a yearbook advisor but, as I flip through the pages of this and past SBS Yearbooks, I will fondly recall the many wonderful students and the good times I had as a Scorpion!

Mr. Stinson



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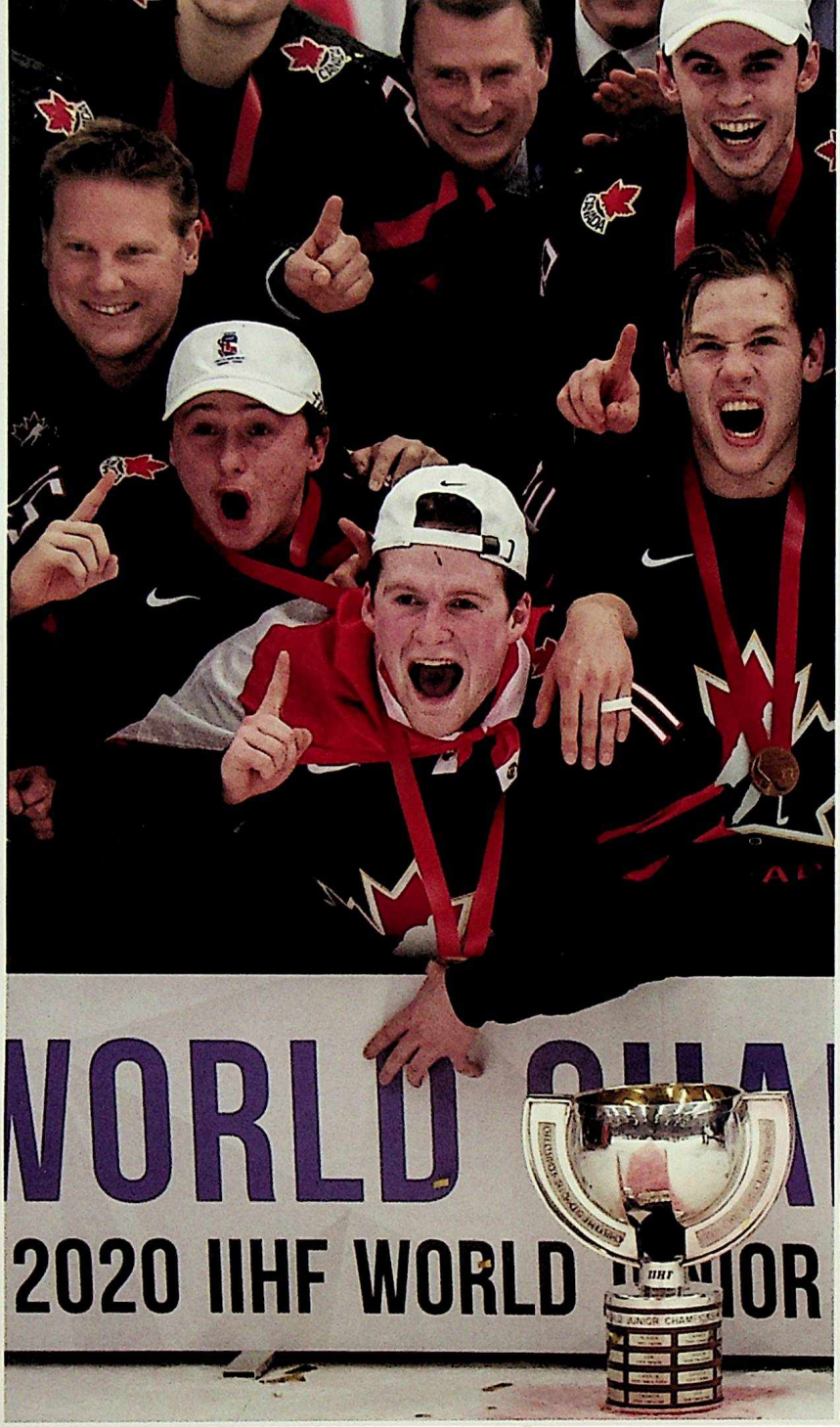
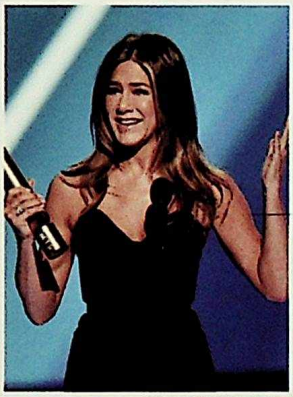
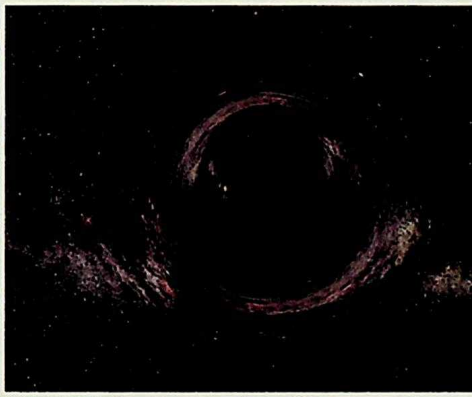
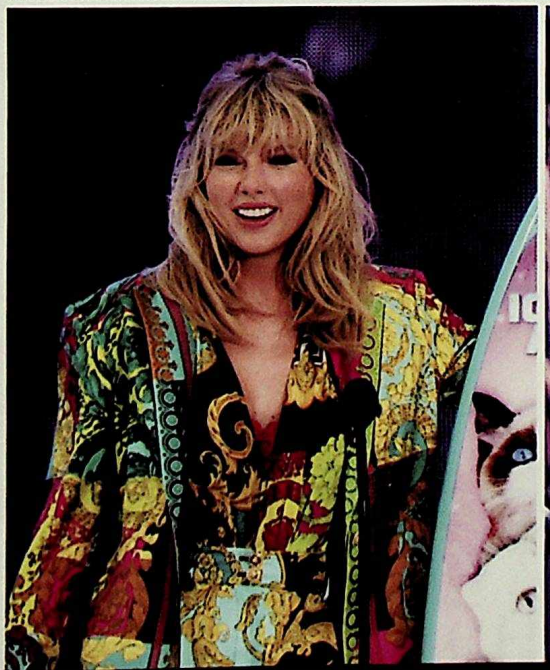


WORLD BEAT 2019 2020

This year's top headlines in technology, sports, music, movies and pop trends.







RING IN THE ROARING '20s

DECADE HIGHLIGHTS

2010 **APPLE UNVEILS THE FIRST iPAD**
Over three million units are sold in the first 80 days.

2011 **THE LAST HARRY POTTER FILM DEBUTS**
It becomes the highest-grossing film of 2011.

2012 **PRINCE WILLIAM AND KATE MIDDLETON ARE MARRIED**
Held at Westminster Abbey in London, UK, 23 million Americans tune in for the ceremony.

2013 **"THE HARLEM SHAKE" GOES VIRAL**
The dance craze hits 1 billion views on YouTube in only 40 days.

2014 **THE ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE RAISES $115 MILLION FOR ALS RESEARCH AND AWARENESS**
Scientists discover a new gene tied to ALS thanks to funds from the challenge.

2015 **IS THE DRESS #BLACKANDBLUE OR #WHITEANDGOLD?**
Officially, it is black and blue.

2016 **LEONARDO DICAPRIO FINALLY WINS AN OSCAR**
He is previously nominated for five acting Oscars and one producing Oscar.

2017 **CANADA CELEBRATES ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY**
Also known as Canada 150, Canadians came together and celebrated what it means to be Canadian.

2018 **PRINCE HARRY AND MEGHAN MARKLE ARE MARRIED**
The Duchess is the first American to marry into The Royal Family since 1937.

2019 **STREAMING SERVICES RULE THE ENTERTAINMENT MARKET**
Disney+™, Apple TV+™, Prime Video™, Netflix™, Hulu™, HBO™, Sling TV™...the options are endless.

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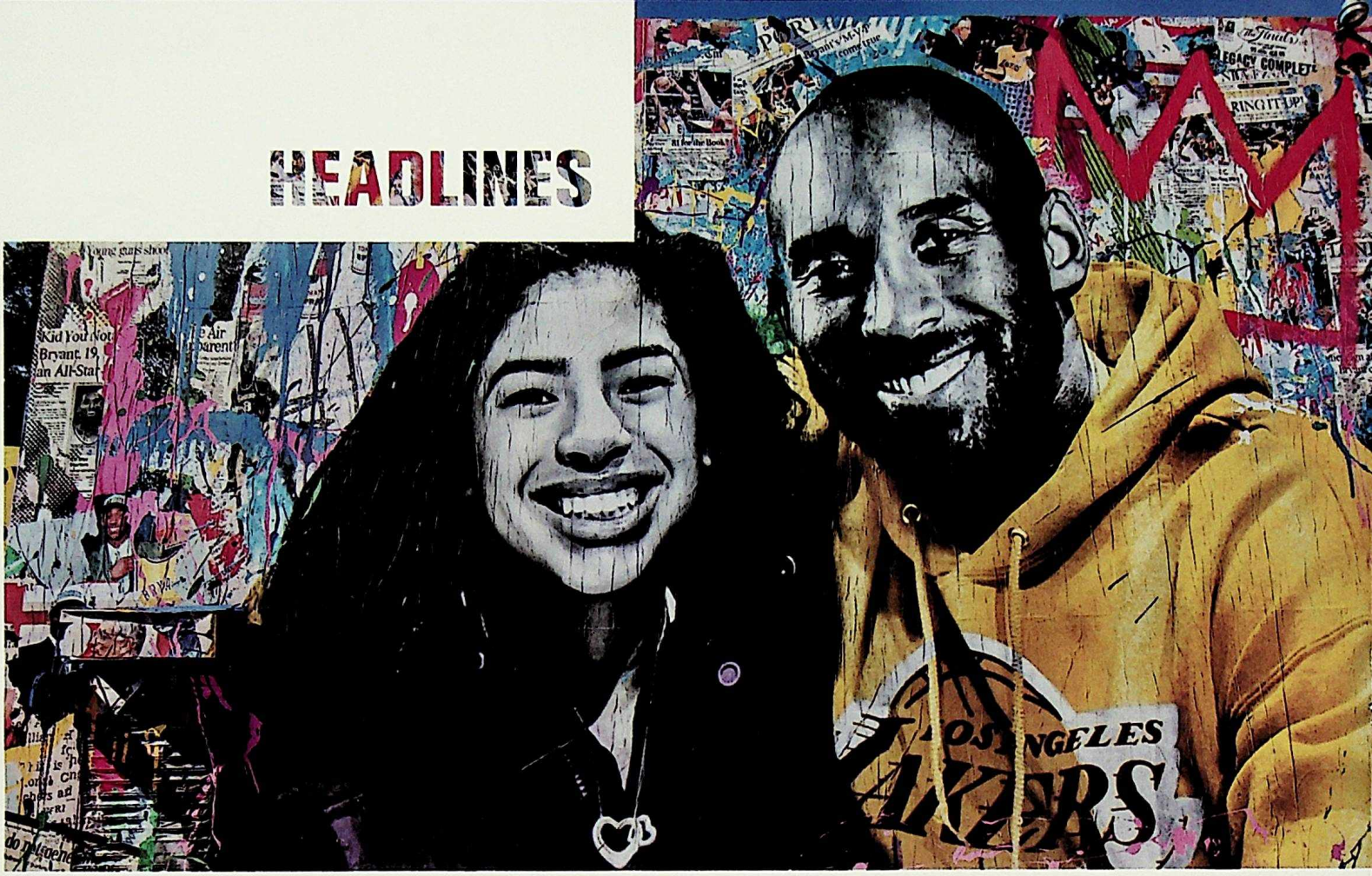


A LEGEND LOST

Kobe Bryant and his daughter, Gianna Bryant, are killed in a helicopter crash along with seven others on January 26, 2020. Bryant is widely regarded as a basketball legend for his 20-season career with the Los Angeles Lakers and is the all-time leading scorer in Lakers franchise history.

FASTEST FINISH

Eliud Kipchoge finishes the Austrian INEOS marathon in 1 hour, 59 minutes and 40.2 seconds. He is the first human in history to run a marathon in under two hours. According to a team of pacemakers who keep up with Kipchoge throughout the ordeal, he runs a pace of 4:33.5 minutes per mile to finish the race ahead of schedule.

HISTORIC SPACEWALK

Astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir complete the first spacewalk with an all-woman team. This is Koch's fourth space walk and Meir's first. NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine mentions that NASA's Artemis program is currently working to land the first woman and the next man on the moon in 2024.

TRUDEAU TRIUMPH

Justin Trudeau is re-elected as Prime Minister in the 2019 Canadian Federal Election. The Liberal Party is elected to a minority government, having lost the majority they won when forming government in 2015.

NOTRE DAME DESTRUCTION

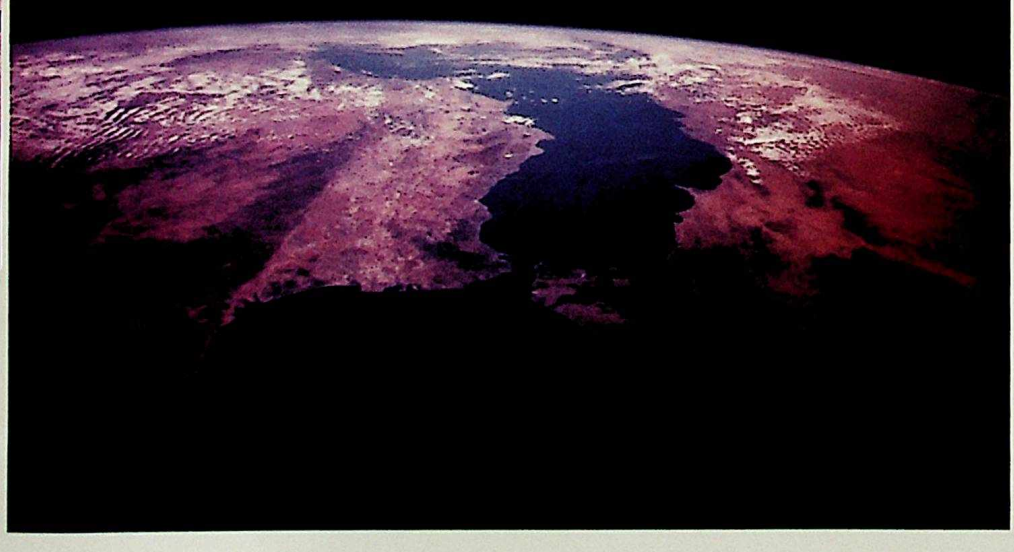
A mammoth blaze tears through the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, nearly destroying the 850-year-old landmark. The church's wooden latticework roof and iconic spire collapse, but many of the valuable cultural treasures avoid damage with some kept safe at the Louvre Museum. French President Emmanuel Macron would like the Notre Dame Cathedral to be rebuilt in five years, but restoration experts believe it could take 10 to 15 years. More than $700 million is collected in donations for the reconstruction, including $100,000 from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

GLOBAL FIRES

Massive wildfires rage on two continents: in Brazil's Amazon rainforest and across Australia. This year the Amazon rainforest experiences the highest number of fires since Brazil's National Institute for Space Research began keeping records in 2013, which burn 2.2 million acres. The Australian bushfires primarily affect the state of New South Wales and 12 million acres are burned as of January 2020. New South Wales is home to Australia's most populous city, Sydney.

LOST CONTINENTS

Douwe van Hinsbergen – a geologist at Utrecht University in the Netherlands – and his colleagues discover a lost continent known as Greater Adria while studying rocks beneath the Mediterranean Sea. Approximately 140 million years ago, Greater Adria and southern Europe collided, burying Greater Adria in the process. Most of the continent sank beneath what is now Italy, Greece and the Baltics. Analysis of ancient rocks suggests that almost all of Earth's earliest continents might have disappeared, leaving traces behind like certain rocks found on the Alps.



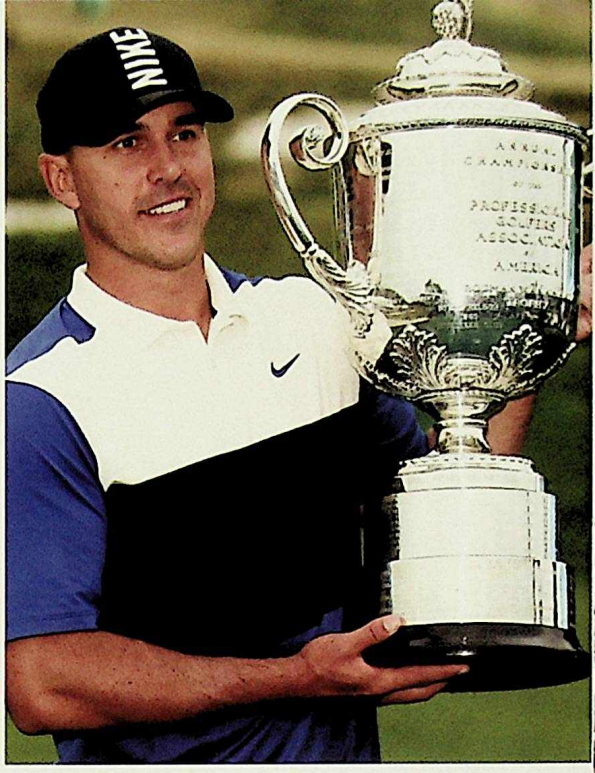
ROYAL RETREAT

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex announce they are stepping down as "senior" working royals. The couple intend to live in Canada approximately half of each year, and pursue charitable works and employment independent of the Crown. Struggles with the media are cited as a contributing factor.

SPORTS

PHOTO FINISH

Lawrence Cherono wins the 2019 Boston Marathon in the third-closest finish ever, edging out Lelisa Desisa by two seconds. A review of the photo finish is needed to confirm the winner.



BACK TO BACK BROOKS

Brooks Koepka is a back-to-back winner of the PGA Championship. This is his fourth major win in 23 months, a milestone only four other golf greats have reached: Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods. This is the first repeat PGA Championship winner since Tiger Woods in 2007.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

USA defeats the Netherlands 2-0 at the FIFA Women's World Cup. This is the fourth World Cup win for the U.S. Women's Soccer team and their second straight World Cup title. Co-captain Megan Rapinoe and team member Rose Lavelle score the two winning goals.

RAPTORS REIGN

The Toronto Raptors defeat the Golden State Warriors 114-110 in the NBA Championship Game. This is the first NBA Championship title in franchise history and the first-ever Canadian win.

VICTORY ON ICE

Team Canada defeats Team Russia 4-3 in the World Junior Hockey Championship in January 2020. Team Canada now holds 18 gold medals, more than any other country.

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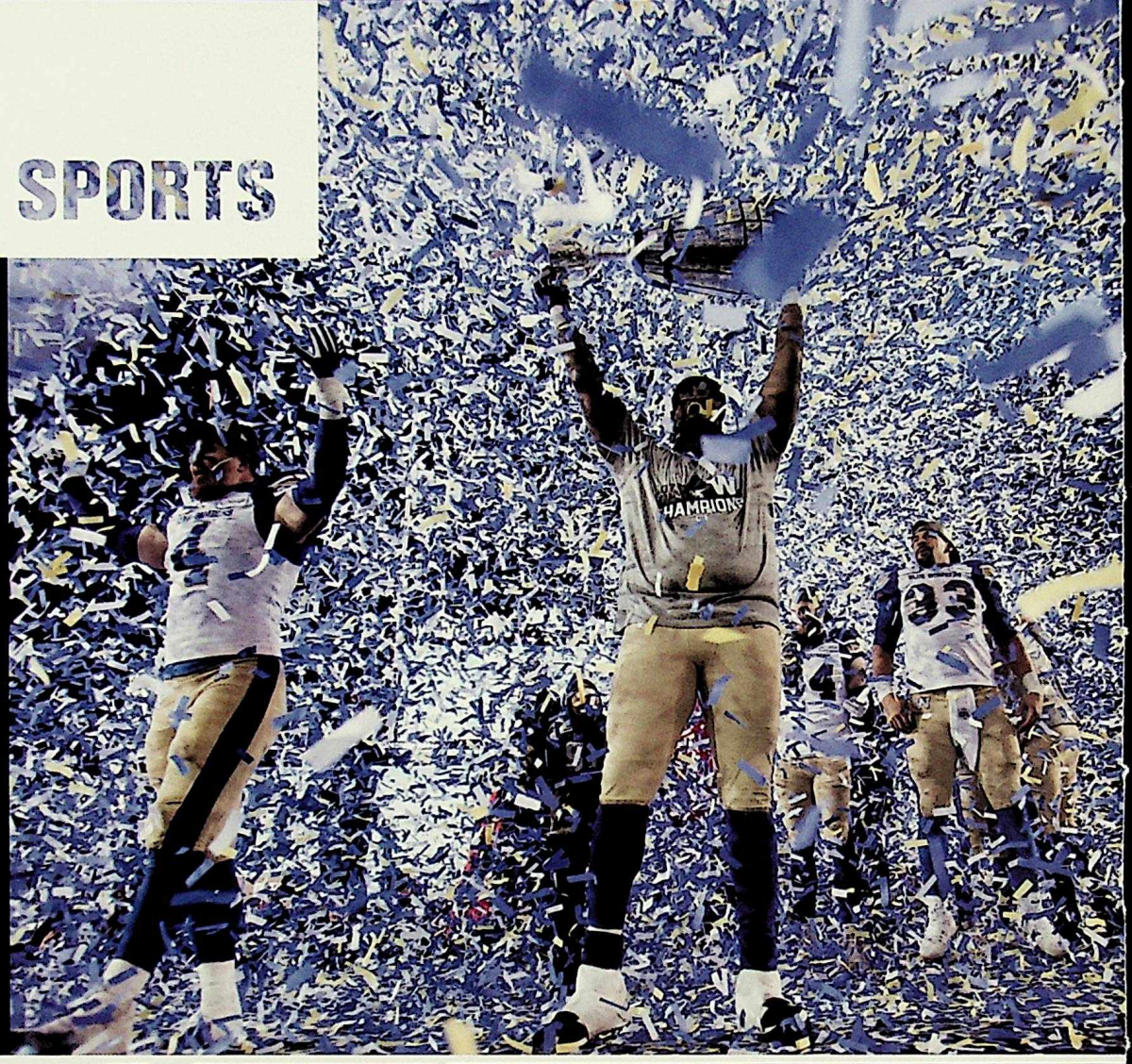
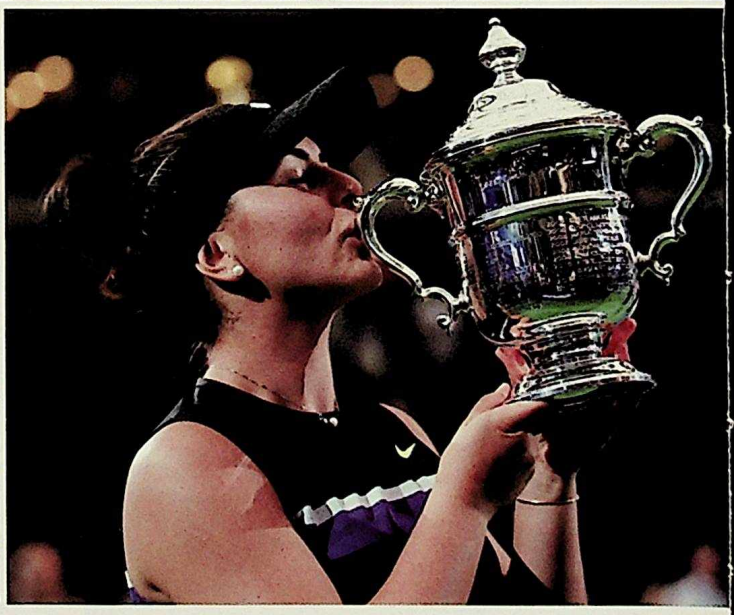


GREY CUP CHAMPIONS

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers claim victory over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the 2019 Grey Cup Championship by a score of 33-12. This is the Blue Bombers' first Grey Cup victory since 1990.

MEN'S SOCCER

While Toronto FC fails to defeat the Seattle Sounders in the 2019 MLS Cup, the Canadian Men's National Team defeats the USA 2-0 in the 4th Concacaf Nations League A match.



CANADIAN CHAMPION

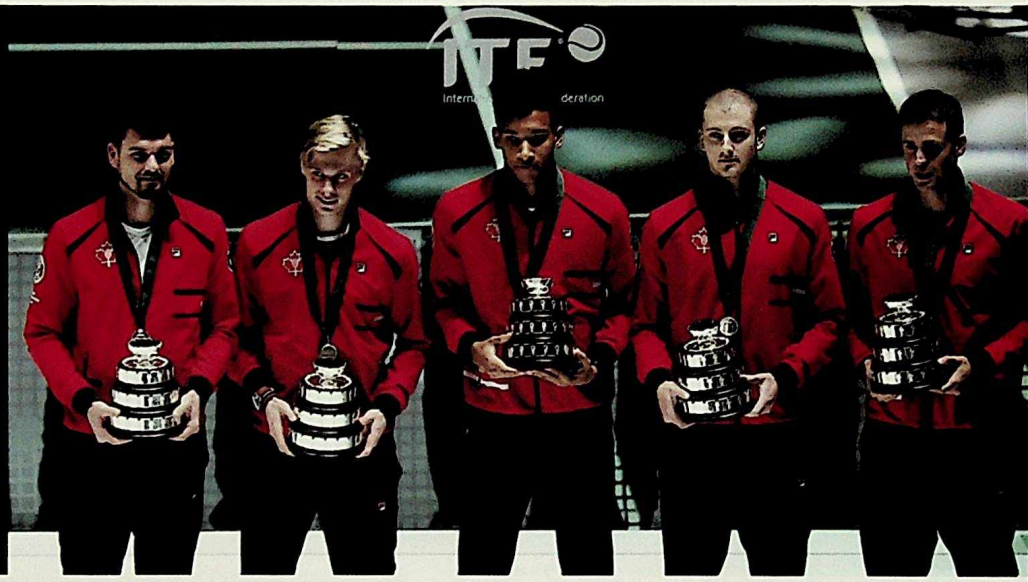
Bianca Andreescu takes home the 2019 U.S. Open women's singles title, defeating Serena Williams in the final match. She is the first Canadian to win a Grand Slam singles title.

HISTORIC HEIGHTS

Simone Biles wins five gold medals at the 2019 World Championships, more than any gymnast at a single World Championship since 1958. She also earns her 25th career World medal, 19 of which are gold, a total that surpasses any gymnast in history. While winning her sixth U.S. all-around title in Stuttgart, Germany, the 22-year-old gymnast successfully lands two historic gymnastics moves: the double-double dismount off the balance beam and the triple-double on floor. Her landing of the triple-double move on floor is dubbed the Biles II in the FIG Women's Artistic Gymnastics Code of Points. She also has a floor element named the Biles.

2019 DAVIS CUP

Canada reaches the final of the Davis Cup for the first time in 2019. Felix Auger-Aliassime and Denis Shapovalov led Canada to victory in the 2015 Junior Davis Cup and come in second in the 2019 Davis Cup final against Spain.



FORTNITE WORLD CUP

American teenager Kyle Giersdorf, 16, wins $3 million and takes the top prize at the Fortnite World Cup. The tournament is held at Arthur Ashe Stadium on July 28, 2019 in New York City. Giersdorf is one of at least 100 players competing for $30 million in total prize money.

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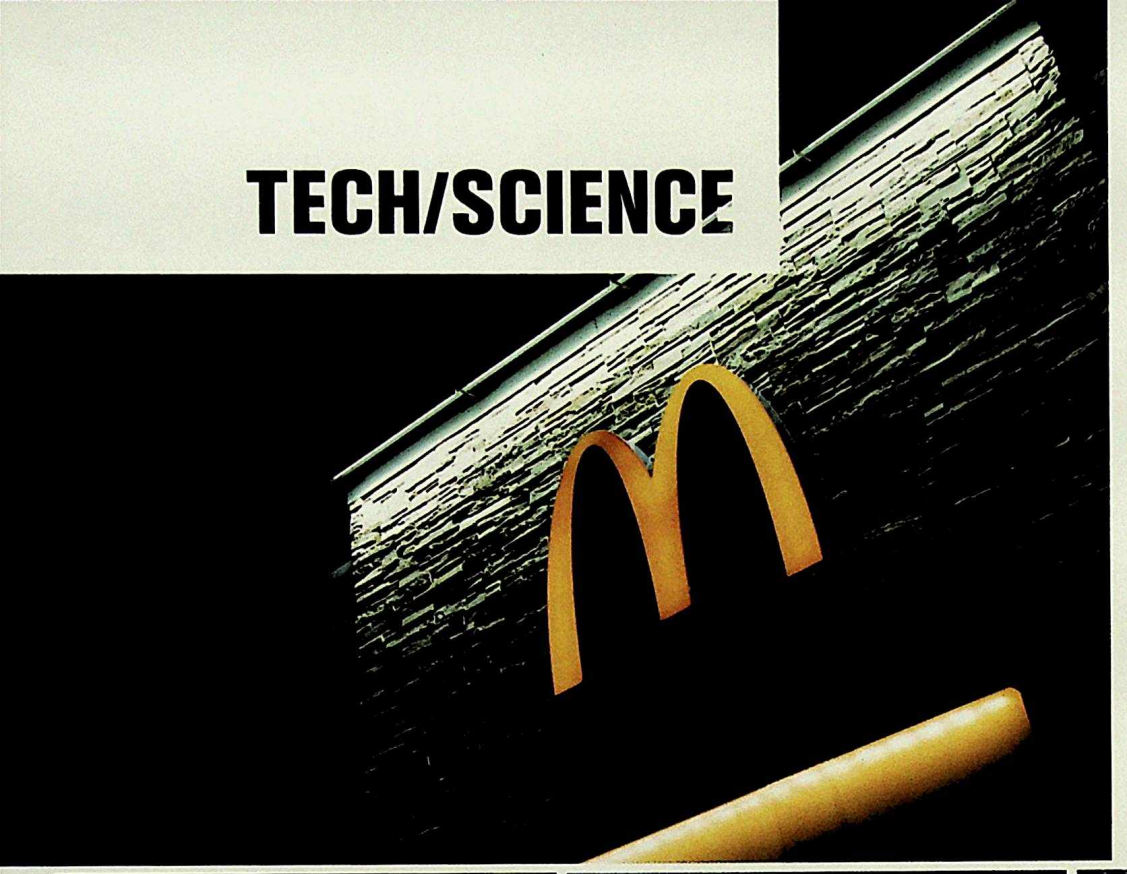
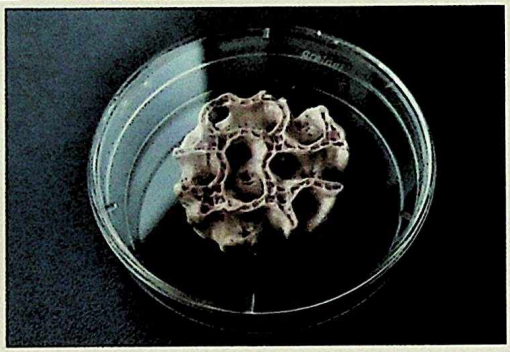


A NEW WAY TO APPLY

McDonald's announces a new initiative it is calling the "Apply Thru," where owners of Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant devices can begin job applications using standard "Alexa" and "Ok Google" voice commands. The company is also investing in ways to automate its self-order kiosk, mobile app and drive-thru experiences.

FORTNITE FREEZE

Popular online game *Fortnite* goes silent for 36 hours before launching an entirely new experience, dubbed Chapter 2. Epic Games, the creator of Fortnite, foreshadows this event through social media, via video trailer and by generating a black hole within the game itself.



3D TECHNOLOGY

Scientists from Dresden University of Technology in Germany develop a 3-D bioprinter capable of producing human tissue. Scientists design this technology specifically for future astronauts experiencing low gravity conditions.

AMAZING ADVANCEMENTS

Two successful experimental treatments are offered to Ebola patients in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Scientists note that 90% of those infected can ultimately be cured with these treatments.

OUT OF THIS WORLD ANNIVERSARY

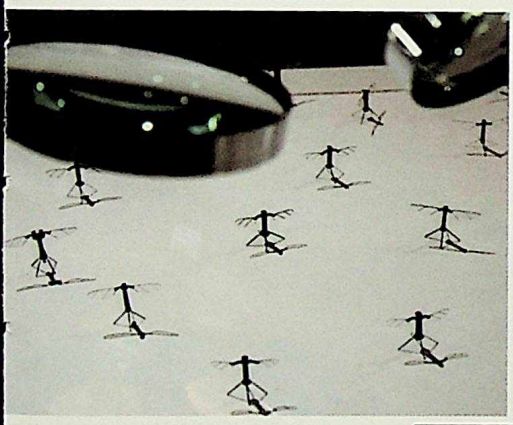
Fifty years ago, on July 20, 1969, about half a billion people across the globe – about one-seventh of the Earth's population at the time – watch NASA astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin become the first humans ever to set foot on the moon as part of NASA's Apollo 11 lunar mission. The 50th anniversary celebration is marked with numerous events across the U.S. over five days. NASA restores the Apollo Mission Control Center to appear as it did during the original television broadcast of the moonwalk, to the delight of visitors to the Space Center Houston.

CORONAVIRUS CHAOS

An outbreak of a coronavirus first identified in China spreads quickly across the globe. The new coronavirus (officially called COVID-19) causes fever, cough and shortness of breath and is responsible for more than 1,100 deaths in mainland China as of February 2020.

MINECRAFT COMEBACK

According to Google trends, online searches for *Minecraft* peaked in 2012 and 2013. They have been on a steady decline since until 2019. In September, Google searches for the game boosted to 76% of their all-time high. It surpassed even *Fortnite*, arguably the most popular game in the world in 2018. This family-friendly game has 176 million copies sold as of May 2019, making it the second-highest game ever, under *Tetris*. Many companies choose to advertise on the game, as it is not violent or controversial. Younger audiences have gained interest with well-known YouTube personalities attracting new users and creating a widely popular weekly Minecraft tournament series known as "Minecraft Monday."



ROBOBEE

Harvard researchers Noah Jafferis and Elizabeth Helbling unveil an insect-inspired robot that can fly independent of a power source tether. The device, dubbed the RoboBee X-Wing, weighs a mere 259 milligrams.

NOBEL PRIZE

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine is awarded to William Kaelin Jr., Peter Ratcliffe and Gregg Semenza for their discoveries related to how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability. This fundamental process is key to embryonic development, adapting to high altitudes and exercising, as well as developing treatments for anemia and various types of cancers.

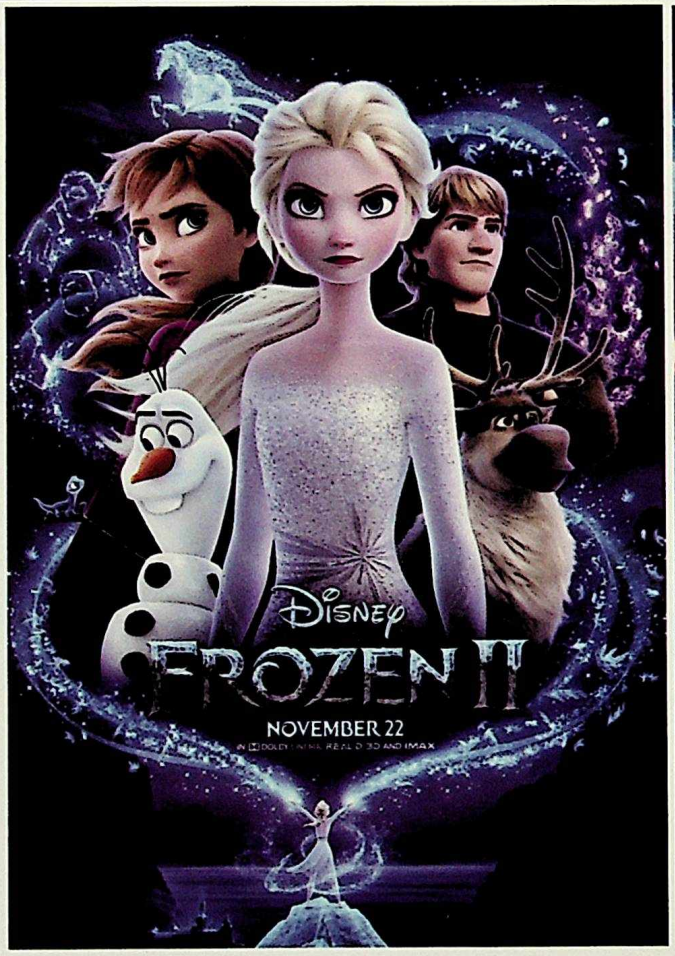
DISTANT DISCOVERIES

NASA releases video of a black hole tearing apart a star millions of light-years away. Astronomers believe the black hole weighs about 6.6 million times the sun's mass and is located about 375 million light-years from Earth.

MUSIC/MOVIES

BILLBOARD #1 SONG

"Old Town Road" by Lil Nas X featuring Billy Ray Cyrus



RECORD BREAKER

Frozen II becomes the highest-grossing animated movie of all time.

END OF AN ERA

After 42 years and nine movies, the Skywalker saga comes to a close with the release of *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker*.

NEW SCHOOL VS. OLD SCHOOL

Music streaming services are more popular than ever, with Spotify, Apple and Amazon in constant competition for the top spot. In contrast, vinyl records make a comeback among younger generations as a tangible alternative to digital options.

SPOTIFY'S MOST STREAMED PODCAST GENRE

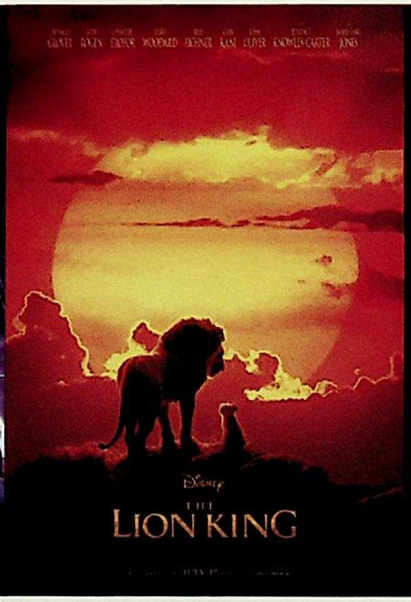
Comedy

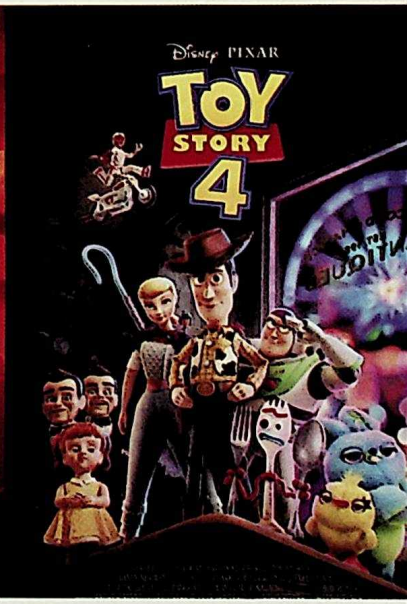
TOP 3 MOVIES

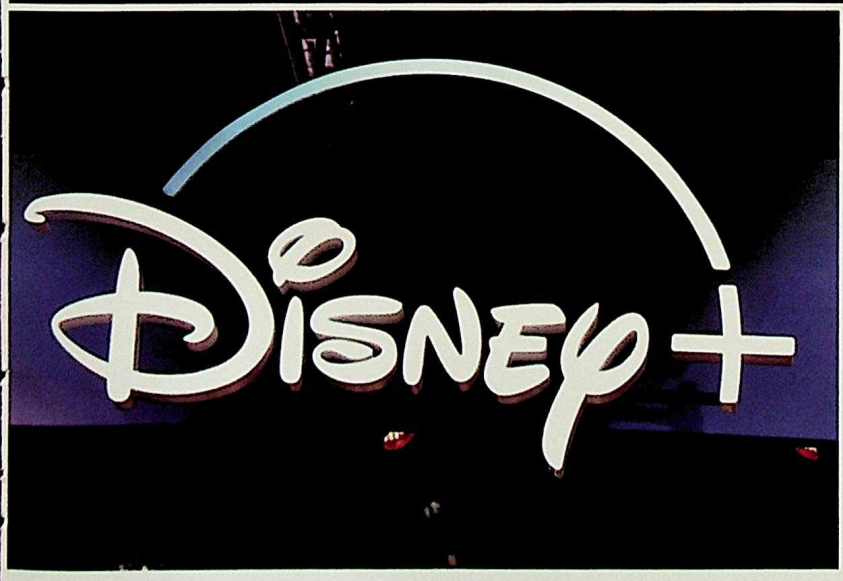
#1 Avengers: Endgame

#2 The Lion King

#3 Toy Story 4







STREAMING SERVICES

Apple TV+ launches November 1 and Disney+ launches November 12, 2019. Apple notes they will offer fresh and exclusive content for just $5.99 per month, while Disney+ offers access to 7,500 episodes from various Disney shows and 500 movies for $8.99 per month.

CLASS OF 2020

ICON OF THE DECADE

Singer Taylor Swift is awarded the inaugural Icon Award at the 2019 Teen Choice Awards. Fox calls the artist "a pop culture icon whose accolades and achievements go beyond topping music charts and selling out stadiums worldwide." Taylor shares a surprise at the end of her acceptance speech, telling viewers that there's "so much to be excited about in the next 12 days." She then shares details of her new single, "Lover," which debuts on Friday, August 16. The following week, Swift's new album "Lover" drops and accounts for 27% of all U.S. album sales in its first week.

COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS

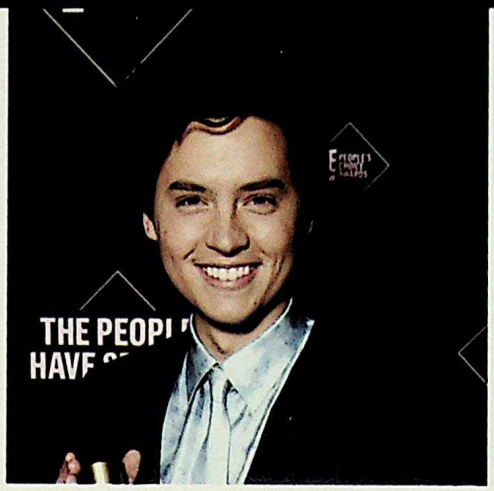
Entertainer of the Year: Garth Brooks

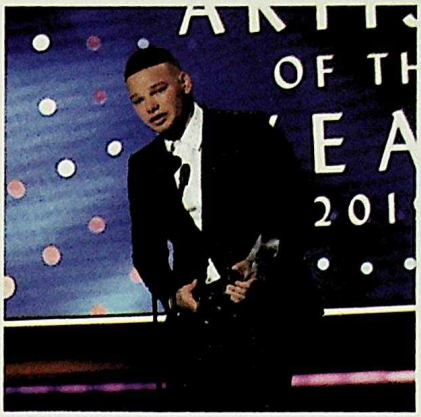
Male Vocalist of the Year: Luke Combs

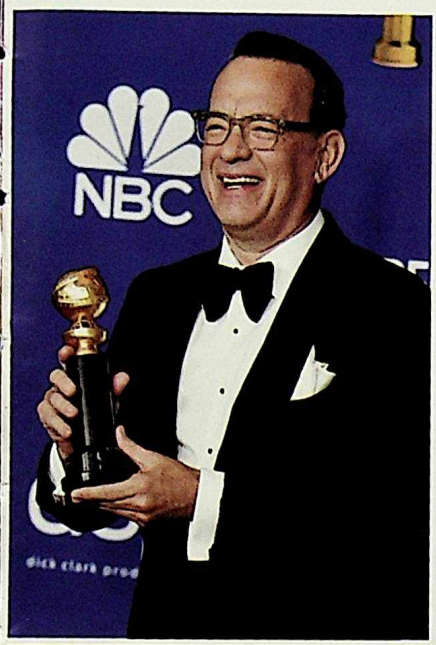
Female Vocalist of the Year: Kacey Musgraves

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

The Movie of 2019: *Avengers: Endgame*
Male Movie Star of 2019: Robert Downey Jr., *Avengers: Endgame*
Female Movie Star of 2019: Zendaya, *Spider-Man: Far From Home*
Male TV Star of 2019: Cole Sprouse, *Riverdale*
Female TV Star of 2019: Millie Bobby Brown, *Stranger Things*





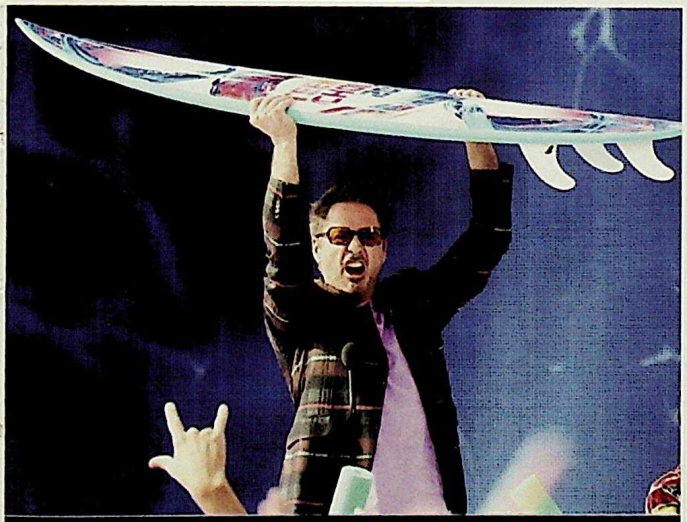


LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) gives the Cecil B DeMille lifetime achievement award to Tom Hanks at The Golden Globe Awards on January 5, 2020. Hanks has won four Golden Globes and has been nominated for nine. Hanks made his movie breakthrough in the 1988 film *Big*, with other career highlights including *Sleepless in Seattle*, *Saving Private Ryan* and voicing cowboy doll Woody in the Toy Story film series. He will next be seen on the big screen in *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* playing U.S. children's television host Fred Rogers (Mr. Rogers).

ARTIST TO WATCH

Country Artist Kane Brown has released two albums in two years and has performed many successful collaborations with artists outside of Nashville, including "Saturday Nights REMIX," with almost 300 million streams on Spotify, and "One Thing Right" with music producer Marshmello and 42 million streams. Brown wins Male Video of the Year for his single "Lose It" and Artist of the Year at the 2019 CMT Artists of the Year ceremony.



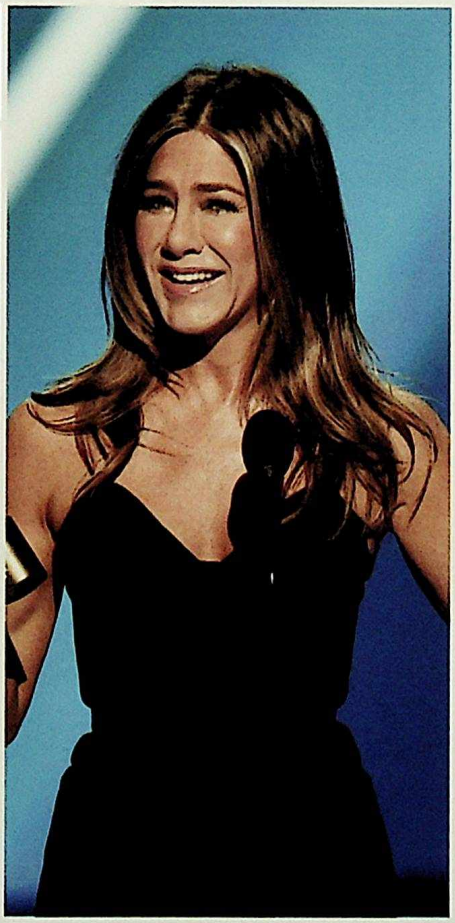
TEEN CHOICE AWARDS

Big Winner: *Avenger: Endgame* – Choice Action Movie, Choice Action Movie Actor (Robert Downey Jr.) and Choice Action Movie Actress (Scarlett Johansson)

Choice Music Group: Why Don't We

Choice Summer Song: "Senorita" – Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello

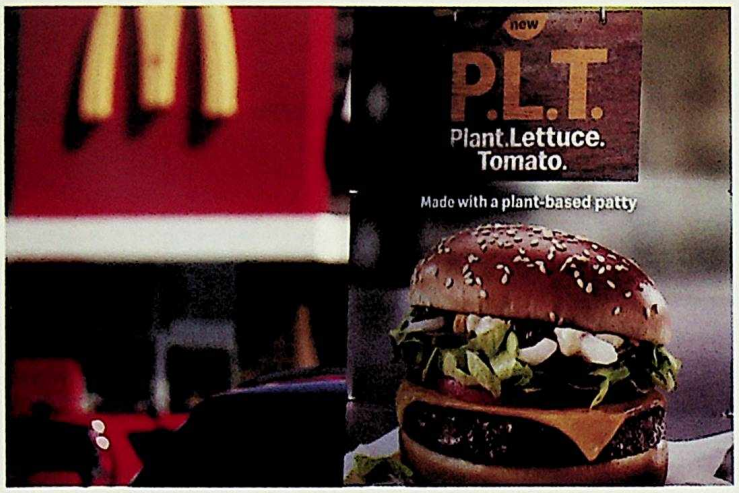
Choice Summer TV Show: *Stranger Things*



PEOPLES ICON AWARD

Jennifer Aniston is honored as People's Icon at the 2019 People's Choice Awards in Santa Monica, California, on November 10. Aniston is well known for her role as Rachel Green in *Friends* and has since starred in countless romantic comedy hits such as *Marley & Me* and *He's Just Not That Into You*. Earlier this year, Aniston "breaks the internet" with her Instagram page, which crashes shortly after debuting her first post (a *Friends* cast reunion photo). Aniston racks up more than 116,000 followers in under an hour.

TRENDS



FAST FACTS

Prime Minister: Justin Trudeau

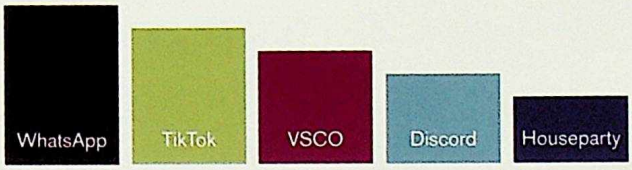
Minimum Wage: $11.06 per hour

Average Price of Gas: $1.1253/L

Population: 37.59 million (2019)*

*AS OF FEBRUARY 2020

POPULAR APPS



PLANT POPULARITY

Fast food restaurant chains introduce more meatless options than ever. McDonald's launches the P.L.T. (Plant. Lettuce. Tomato.) in 28 locations in Canada and Burger King introduces the Impossible Burger. Other fast-food companies have also joined the movement, including A&W and Qdoba, just to name a few.

POPULAR ITEMS

AirPods

Clear bags

Fanny packs

Checkered Vans

Scrunchies

Phone stability accessories (PopSockets®, bands, etc.)

HydroFlasks

GAME CHANGERS

Toy manufacturers are working to make their games more accessible. Mattel releases a Braille version of its UNO card game, with game cards incorporating Braille on both sides of each card. Rules are translated and released through voice assistants Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant. Using AI technology, the LEGO Group convert instruction manuals into audio and Braille formats.

FASHION

What is old is new with '80s neon, tie-dye and fanny packs trending this year.

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